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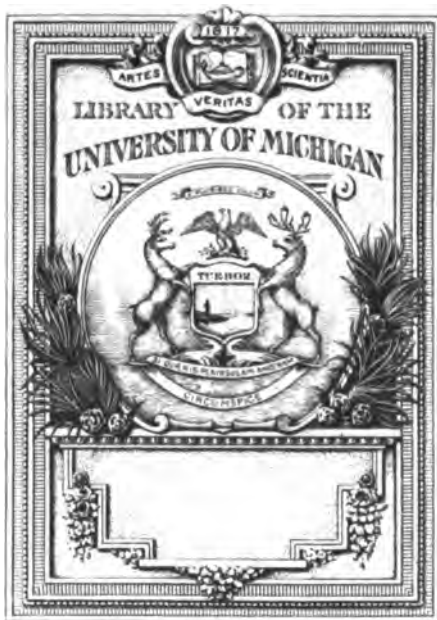
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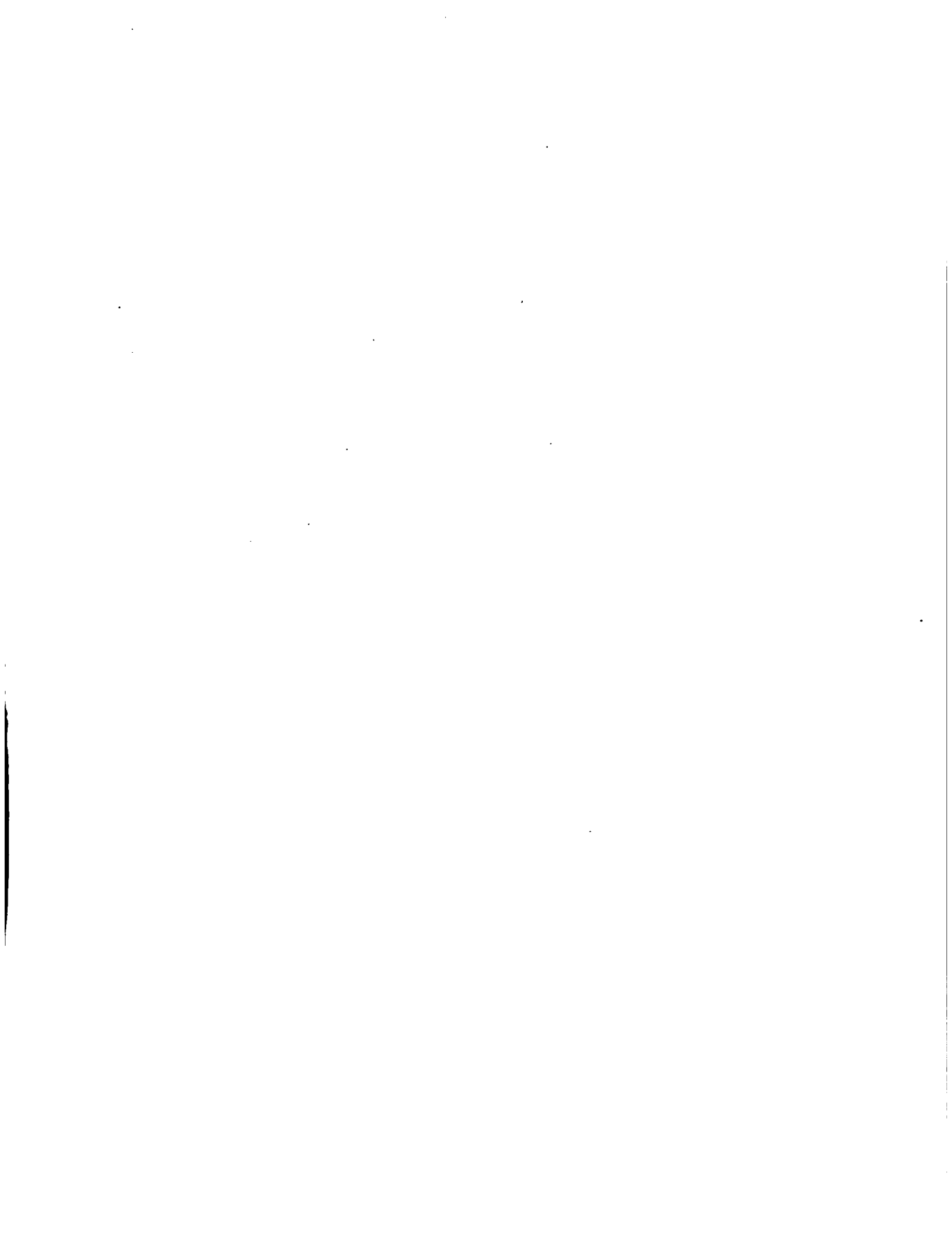


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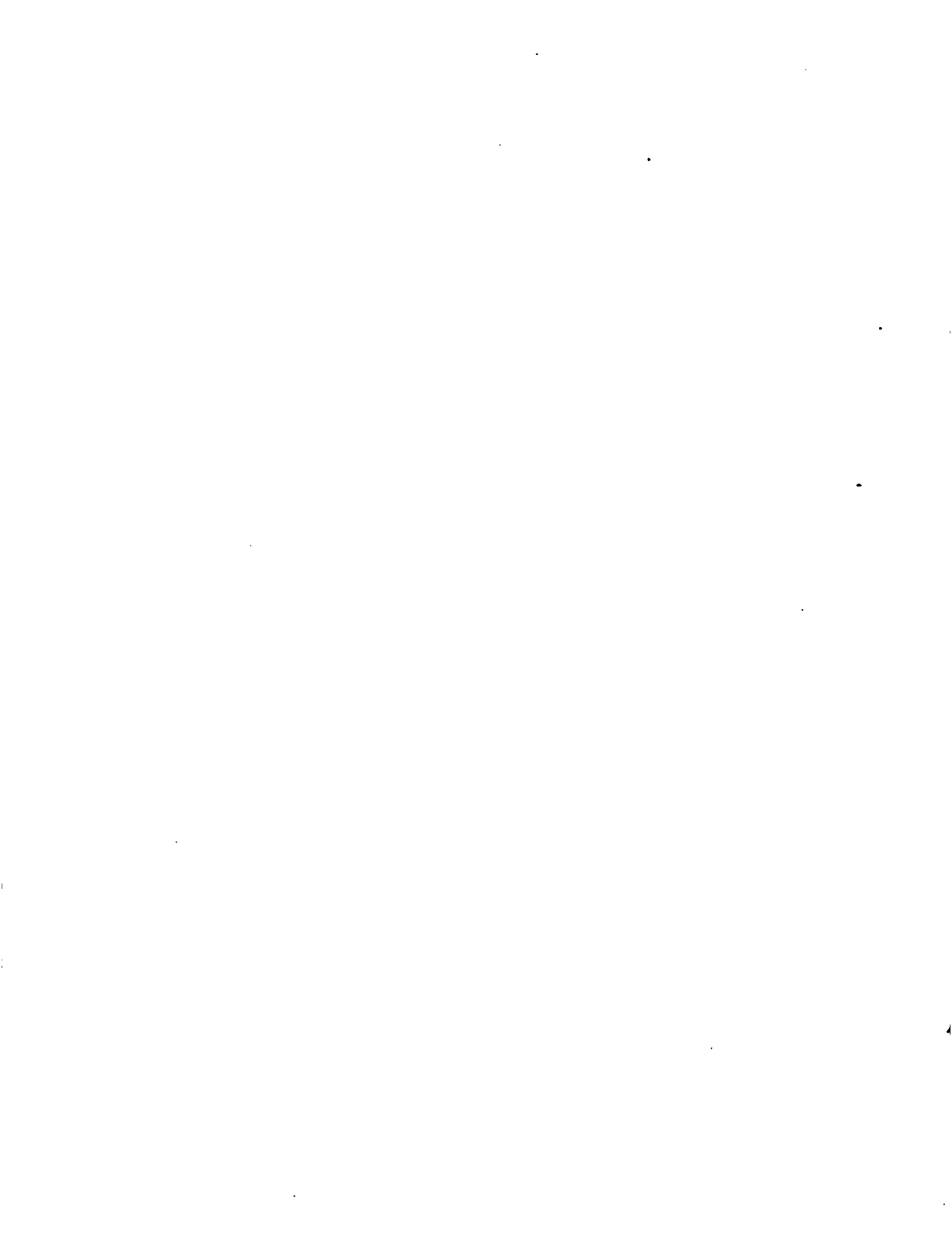
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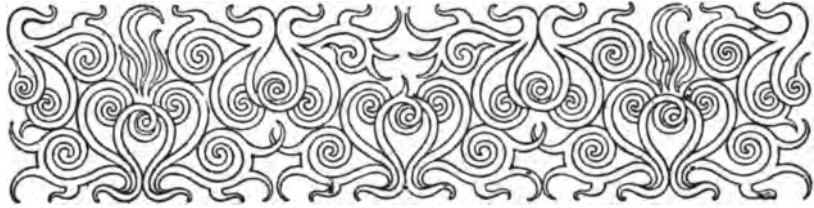


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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF PEWTERERS
THIS HISTORY OF THEIR ANCIENT GUILD, DERIVED
CHIEFLY FROM THEIR OWN RECORDS, IS
DEDICATED WITH MUCH RESPECT
BY THE AUTHOR.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE object of this work, compiled at the request of the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers and printed at their direction, is to exhibit the history of the Company from the records now or formerly in their possession. The materials for this purpose are fortunately abundant. The Company exercised control over one of the most important industries in the country, and they were consequently fostered and controlled by more Royal Charters and legislative enactments than were the great majority of the City Companies. The Company's records are well preserved, and nearly continuous from an early date, although Pewterers' Hall has, unfortunately, more than once been destroyed by fire.

In the following pages the records tell their own tale, every line of them has been read, and it is believed that every fact material to the history of the Company and its trade has been extracted in faithful reproduction from the originals. Superfluous comment has been avoided, and information from printed sources very sparingly introduced in order to do justice to this immense wealth of material. The arrangement is strictly chronological, and it is hoped that the illustrative remarks are introduced sufficiently to present a connected story. The exhaustive index will largely supply the defects inevitably attaching to the chronological method. The advantages of such a plan far outweigh

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its defects. Besides the gradual unfolding of the Company's history from its infancy to the period of its fullest development, sharp contrasts are afforded by comparing its condition at different periods, and points of less importance but yet possessing interest in themselves, may also be traced, such as variations in orthography, style, and methods of minuting and keeping accounts.

In one respect alone the records are disappointing. They do not include any register of makers' marks, nor do the Accounts contain receipts for registration fees. It is probable, therefore, that this registration was of the simplest character, and consisted merely of impressing the maker's mark upon the "touch-plates" at Pewterers' Hall. Most of the early marks are very small, and contain only the maker's initials, thus making it impossible to identify the mark with certainty, although the list of members of the Company extends back to the middle of the fifteenth century.

The earliest information of importance respecting the Company is found in their Ordinances for the year 1348, in the middle of the long reign of Edward III. The Company is described as the Craft of Pewterers, and the Ordinances deal exclusively with matters relating to the trade. In the ancient oath, which bears every evidence of being at least as old as these Ordinances, there is associated with the Craft the Brotherhood of the Assumption of Our Lady. The main object of the regulations of 1348 was to enforce a high standard of quality and workmanship upon makers of English pewter, a reputation for which it has ever since been the great aim of the Company to maintain. Another early Ordinance for the regulation of the trade was approved by the Court of Aldermen on the 30th of March, 1438. This was followed, six years later, by an Order of the Common Council granting the Company the right to purchase one-fourth part of all the tin brought up for sale to London.

In 1451, the series of Audit Books begins, and opens to us a mine of valuable information. The Accounts were extremely simple at this

early period, the receipts consisting chiefly of fees paid for admission to the Craft, fines, payments for quarterage, and gifts and bequests. The total receipts for 1451-2 were 39*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* The payments amounted to 46*s.* 11*d.*, and included money given to alms-men, expenses of attendance in the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Processions to Westminster, and of attendance at the Grey Friars on their annual election day, which was the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The Hall of another great monastery, that of the Austin Friars, was used with its offices for the great annual feast, and for the ordinary business of the Fellowship.

The need of State protection and authority was soon felt, to enable the governing body to supervise with effect all matters connected with the trade, the concerns of its members, and the control or prohibition of foreign imports. Both Parliament and the King himself were approached with a view of obtaining such powers in 1461-2, soon after Edward IV's accession to the throne. The usual methods of promoting legislation in those days, namely, by handsome gifts to high officers of State and their subordinate officials, were freely employed by the Pewterers, but, as it appears, without much success until 1473. In this year, the thirteenth of his reign, Edward IV granted the Company their first charter, containing licence to Peter Bishop, William Large and Thomas Langtoft, the then Master and Wardens of the Craft, to found to the honour of God and of the Virgin Mary, a fraternity or perpetual guild of one Master, two Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mistery of Pewterers.

Besides the legal benefits of incorporation thus secured, the Company was granted the important right of search for false wares, not only within the City and suburbs, but throughout all England, and the King's officers were enjoined to give them every assistance for this purpose. These extended powers resulted in the addition to the ranks of the Company of many country pewterers, who were hospitably entertained when their business brought them to London. The Company took its part with the other Guilds in the various municipal duties and ceremonials, as well as

by contributing their full quota in all contributions of money or men required by various monarchs from the City of London. A confirmatory Charter was granted to them by Edward IV on 14th April, 1478.

The Company now took measures to provide themselves with a Hall, and after inspecting various sites, selected that on which the Hall now stands in Lime Street. The building appears to have been commenced in 1475, but was not finished till twenty years later. From the description of its various apartments found in the Inventories, it was a building well worthy of the Company, and attached to it was a garden with vinery and bowling green. The Company were their own builders, employing the necessary workmen and labourers, and purchasing the materials required. The services of Simon Burlingham were engaged as master-builder or architect, and the Beadle of the Company, among his other duties, would seem to have acted as Clerk of the Works. When the Hall was finished, the Company ceased to hold their meetings at the Friaries. The annual religious service was transferred in 1495-6 from the Grey Friars to the Church of All-Hallows, Lombard Street, and the annual banquet and other festivities now took place at the Hall, where the business of the Company was also transacted, thus no longer necessitating the use of apartments at the Austin Friars.

The Yeomanry, or Freeman, had a separate organisation of their own, under a Master and three Wardens chosen from the Livery of the Company. With this was united, as in the Company itself, a religious association. It was known as the Fraternity of St. Michael the Archangel, the annual festival of which was also held in the Church of All-Hallows, Lombard Street.

In 1503-4 the Company succeeded in procuring an important Act of Parliament giving them much-needed powers for the suppression of abuses in the trade, one of its clauses providing that all Pewterers should put their mark or "touch" upon their goods. This statute, with some amending and confirmatory Acts, continued, for the next three centuries, to be the Company's principal instrument of authority, and was as such

reprinted and widely distributed so late as the year 1741. The Charter of Edward IV was confirmed by Henry VII in 1504-5, and by other Charters of inspeximus granted by Henry VIII, Philip and Mary, and Queen Elizabeth. An important general Act was also passed in the year 1503-4, forbidding any of the Companies to make ordinances or bye-laws until their draft had been approved by certain high officers of state on behalf of the Crown. The Pewterers' Company accordingly submitted their bye-laws for confirmation in 1522. This important document embraces the whole constitution of the Company, including its trade control and internal organisation.

It is impossible to allude to more than a few of the points of interest in which the period covered by this Volume abounds. The Company possessed a grant of arms in 1473, the date of their incorporation, as appears from their seal. The grant was confirmed by Thomas Benolt, Clarencieux King of Arms, on 26th May, 1533. This document is well preserved, but the earlier grant or grants have unfortunately disappeared. The alteration in the religious observances of the Company at the Reformation are of much interest, and are illustrated by the entries in the accounts preceding and following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1537-8. Some of the accounts are very beautifully written, especially those for the years 1551-1569, when Edmund Browne, a very skilful penman, was Clerk of the Company.

The minutes of the Court of Assistants commence in 1551, and from this date a much clearer view of the history and proceedings of the Company is obtainable. In 1557, for the first time, a member of the Pewterers' Company held the office of Lord Mayor. This was Sir Thomas Curtis, whose family had long been connected with the Company, and who served as Sheriff in 1546. Presents were made both to Alderman Curtis and Alderman John Catcher, towards furnishing their houses when they served the office of Sheriff.

Loans were required by the Crown from an early period, and the method of assessing that of 1558 for Queen Mary caused much

discontent. Personal service was also demanded both (1) for pageants, when a deputation well-dressed and well-mounted attended on horseback, and whiffers were furnished from the Yeomanry to keep the streets clear from the crowd; and (2) for the wars, when detachments drawn from the Yeomanry were fitted out by the Company fully equipped with clothing and arms. A store of armour was kept at the Hall, and the services of an Armourer employed to keep it in good condition.

The Court of Assistants appears to have had its origin in 1560, when all past Masters and Wardens were appointed to sit with the Master and Wardens to give their advice. A severe Plague visitation occurred in 1563, when the Company's searches had to be abandoned.

In 1564, a Code of Ordinances is entered in a book presented by William Curtis, an influential member of the Company. It is interesting to compare these provisions with the earlier Bye-Laws of 1522. The long roll of the Company's charters is explained by the pressure put upon them to procure a renewal of their "Corporation" at the beginning of each new reign. On the accession of Queen Elizabeth they were served with a *Quo Warranto* to compel them to renew their charter. In 1575, the Company was again threatened with a writ of *Quo Warranto* from the Queen, which they sought to avert by a timely gift from their funds. They were, however, burdened with heavy legal costs in conducting their defence.

The Company employed any balance in their hands in the purchase of tin, which they sold to their members at a slight profit. A Christmas gift of money was made in 1564 to the Lord Mayor. This afterwards became an annual present of two, three or four pounds. Similar presents were made to the Speaker and great Officers of State when the Company were seeking legislative powers or protection.

The term Livery first appears in use about 1564, taking the place of the olden term "Clothing," by which the higher class of members were distinguished. The Liveryman's fine in 1568 was twenty shillings, besides his spoon. The Company thus became possessed of a goodly show of plate. Freedom by Redemption first occurs under that name in 1587.

The Company were often asked by noblemen and others to admit various persons to their membership on favourable terms. In 1586 the famous Sir Walter Raleigh asked such a favour on behalf of one Isaac Tucker. Many instances occur of the admission to the Brotherhood of persons not connected with the trade. Among these were Lord William Howard, the Lord Chamberlain; Mr. Stukeley, who, with his wife, was a benefactor to the Company; and an ecclesiastic, Sir Peter Warryson, who was in due course nominated for the office of Warden.

Both journeymen and apprentices were kept strictly under their master's surveillance, and were not allowed to be away on Sunday until after Evensong, and then not to engage in unlawful sports. Apprentices were to be bound for at least seven years, and often for longer terms, extending to nine or ten years. Apprentices and even journeymen were punished by whipping for various offences. This was usually inflicted in the Hall and in open Court. Members of the Company were forbidden to go to law with each other, and the minute books are largely taken up with the settlement of disputes and adjudication upon complaints among members, or among masters and their workmen and apprentices. The disputants were often sentenced to dine or sup together, accompanied by their wives.

Fines for bad metal or workmanship were impartially inflicted upon all, not excepting the Master and Wardens. If money could not be obtained, the Company distrained on tools, ware, or even dress and livery gown. A frequent punishment was an order to the offender to alter his "touch." He was sometimes sentenced, if a liveryman, to be deprived of his hood, thus losing the privileges of the livery.

The prices of food and other necessaries are fully illustrated from the Audit Books, and the accounts for the years when the Hall was building give interesting information as to the cost of labour and materials.

Besides their annual religious festival in August, on the day of the Assumption, the Company attended the Lord Mayor at St. Paul's many times during the year. The religious services almost wholly disappeared after the Reformation; the obits survived only in their charitable provision for the poor.

The Hall was a real centre of the craftsmen's daily life. They were to attend in cleanly apparel and without their aprons. Amusements were allowed, but games of chance, *e.g.*, shove-groat, strictly forbidden. The Hall was let out for weddings and dinners to outsiders, and furnished a source of income to the Company. An Italian exhibited here a wonderful castle in 1570. Attached to the Hall was a bowling-alley and a fine garden with an arbour, vine, and rose trees.

The annual election banquet was attended by all, including the poorest of the Yeomanry, with their wives also. After the dinner was a pageant for which "play pence" were collected. A sword-player's services were sometimes engaged. The Quarter-Day dinners were attended only by the Livery. The Yeomanry had their own festival at Michaelmas. A curious light is thrown on the election customs by an entry, on page 267, forbidding the members or their wives to go to the newly-elected master's house, unless specially invited. Burials were attended by the members of the Company, and were generally followed by a feast.

The trade regulations were very numerous and strictly enforced. Great trouble was occasioned to the Company by tinkers and hawkers, whom they found it very hard to suppress. Tin was forbidden to be bought or sold without cloff (rough metal), nor with more than a due proportion of "peak."

The suspected metal seized by the Company in their searches was brought to the Hall, where vats, melting bellows, and other appliances were kept for testing its quality. If found to be below standard it was mostly forfeited, and sold as inferior or "lay" metal to the Master and

Wardens for the time being, who were privileged to buy it. The amount realised was divided equally between the Crown and the Company. All bad ware or metal was marked with the Broad Arrow-head. Gilding pewter was strictly prohibited, as was also the letting out of new vessels to hire. The selling price of pewter ware at shops, as well as at fairs and markets, was also fixed by the Company.

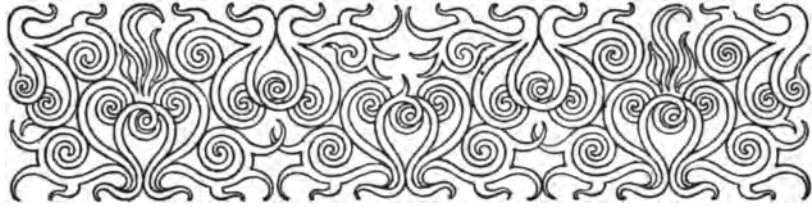
The matters dealt with in Volume II will be treated of in the Introduction to that Volume.

The following is the plan adopted in the preparation of the work. The year is taken according to the modern reckoning from January 1st to December 31st, instead of from March 25th, the old New Year's Day; each year therefore, previous to the reformation of the Calendar in 1752, has a double date. Thus the year 1451-2 comprises 1st January-24th March, 1451, and 25th March-31st December, 1452. Complete extracts from the records are indicated by printing the first word or words in heavy type, shorter extracts being shown by quotation-marks. The events and transactions of each year, taken (after 1550) chiefly from the Court Minute Books, are in strict chronological sequence, an entry without date being of the date of that immediately preceding it. Following the last entry in December are the extracts from the Audit Books for the year. These accounts run from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, and so begin and end three months earlier than the yearly period covered by the rest of the entries. Whilst the Court Minute Books and the Audit Books form the main sources of information, valuable and interesting facts are occasionally supplied by the Yeomanry Accounts, the Book of Inventories, the Tin Ledgers, and other records. These occasional entries are inserted in proper order of date, and the source from which they are taken is specified in every instance.

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History of the Pewterers' Company.

CHAPTER I.

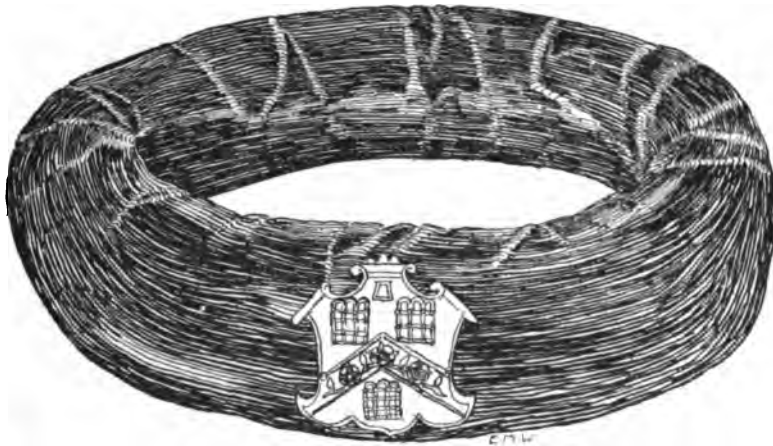
The Craft or Fellowship.

THE materials for a history of the Pewterers' Company are fortunately abundant, and lie for the most part in the Company's own possession. They include a roll of accounts known as Audit Books, complete from the year 1451 to the present day, lists of liverymen from the same date, Orders of Court beginning in 1551, Yeomanry accounts from 1495, and a long and well-preserved series of Charters granted by various sovereigns from Edward III to Anne. Among the more ancient books is a volume of ordinances which seems to have been known as the Jury Book (for swearing officials and new members), and was presented to the Craft by Robert Chamberlain and Cicely his wife in 1463, as the following entry on folio 9b shows:—

We hit had in mynde that Robert Chamburlayn Citezen and peuterer of london and Cecile his wyfe zafe his boke in to þe Crafte of peuterers in the worschep of god and þe assumpcōn of oure lady to be prayde fore euer ppetually. The xj day of august in the zere of oure lorde m̄. cccclxiij. And in the þirde zere of the reigne of kyng Edward the foureth. Also þe sayde Roberd & Cecile zafe on þe sayde day iij Garlondis vnto þe worship & chesyng of þe wardeynes of þe sayde Craft & on ther of ys I Garneshit w' syluer and þe armes of þe Craft þer on.

History of the Pewterers' Company.

1348. In this ancient volume are the original ordinances drawn up by the men of the Craft in 1348 and submitted to the Mayor and Aldermen for their approval. The draft was approved and ordered to be entered on the City books. Here, in Letter Book F folio 155, the document duly appears in Latin and Norman French according to the ancient custom of the City, and an English translation is given by



Election Chaplet, or Garland, given by Robert and Cicely Chamberlain in 1463.

Mr. H. T. Riley in his "Memorials of London."* The copy preserved in the Company's records is chosen for printing as the more interesting version, being a quaint specimen of early English, and hitherto unknown.

Ordinaunces of the crafte of pewtreres entird *in* the boke of ff. the Clv. lef To the maire and aldermen of the cite of london praien the goode folke makers of peauter vessel of the saide cite that ye please the state and pointes of her crafte to tender & vppon the defawtes for the comun profite by gode discrecion to ordeine redresse & amende & to ordeine the pointes couenable by the peple that ben *connyng* in the saide crafte to be wel holdon and kepte.

First for as moche os the crafte of peutereres is founded vppon certeine maters & metales as of brasse tyn & lede *in* pte of the wheche iij

* 1868, pp. 241-244.

Expert
pewterers to
oversee and
assay all
wares.

metals they make vessel that is to saie pottes salers dysshes platers and othir thinges by good folke be spoken wheche werkes aske certeine medles & alayes aftir the maner of the uessels be spoken which thinges can not be made *withoute* goode auisement of the peuterere experte and kunnynge in the crafte. Therevppon the crafte goode folk of the crafte praien that it be ordeined that iij or iiij moste trew & cunnynge of the crafte be chosen to ouersee the alayes and werkes aforsaide. And bi thaire examinacion and asay amendement to be made where the defaute is hastely vppon the dede and if any be rebel ayenst the wardeins or assaiours þan the defaute and the name of the trespassour rebelle to be sente to the maire and to be iuged in the presence of the goode folke of the Crafte that have take the defaute.

Standard
for fine
pewter and
for vessels
of tin.

And be it vnderstonde that al maner vessells of peauter as disshes Saucers platers Chargeours pottes square Cruettes square Crismatories and othir thinges that they make square or Cistils that they be made of fyne peauter and the mesure of Brasse to the tyn as moche as it wol receiue of his nature of the same and al othir thinges of the saide crafte that be wrozte as pottes rounde that *perteine* to the crafte to be wrouzte of tyn *with* an alay of lede to a resonable mesure and the mesure of the alay of an C tyn is xxvj. lb. lede. and that is called vessells of tyn for euer.

Qualifica-
tions for
admission.

Also that non *entermete* of the Crafte aforsaide but if he be sworne afore the goode folke of the crafte to wirke treuly aftir þe pointes ordeined as he that hath ben aprentice or othir wise treu workeman known and asaid among hem. And that non reseiue aprentice ayenst the vse of the Citee. And tho that be receyued to be enrolled aftir the vse of the same Cite.

Appren-
tices.

Also that non *persone* ne estraunger wirk ne bere suche maner vessel of peauter in þe Cite to sel ne it put to sale afore the mater be assaid oppon *perile* of forfarture of the marchandice if the mater be suffrable be the assais of the wardenis that marchandice to be solde for suche as it is and non othir wise.

None to sell
ware in the
City before
it is assayed
by the
Wardens.

None to
send ware
out of the
City for sale
until it be
first assayed.

And that non of the saide craft wirk *preueli* in hid placis vessells of lede nor of fals alay for to selle oute of the cite atte faires or markettes for esclaunder to the cite and harme and esclaunder of the goode folk of the saide crafte but be suche thinges þ' shulbe sent to sale oute of the cite by the wardeines of the craft asaide afore they be had out of the citee

by the wardeins of the craft to sale and þ' no man wrik in the saide Craft but he wol answere for his wrik oppon the asaie of his werk in whos handes someuer it be founde And if ani be take henforwarde bering or carying suche warez to sel at faire market or elles where *within* this reame afore it be assaide: And therof be ateint afore the maire and aldermen be he punished bi theire discrecion aftir his trespasse whan he is ateint atthe sute of the goode folke of his craft.

Penalties for dishonest journeymen and apprentices.

Also if any apprentice or allowes be taken doinge harme to his master of x d. by wey of theft be wey there amendes made to the master bi hym or bi his plegges of the crafte & if he trespasse anothir tyme be he punishid bi the regard of the Craft. And if he trespas the iij. tyme be he put oute of the crafte.

Penalties for bad workmanship.

Also that the person of the saide Craft þat is othir wise take wirkinge in the Craft þan is aforesaide. And of that be found culpable bi the assaie atthe first defaute he shal lese þe mater so wrozte. Atthe secund defaute he shal lese the mater and be punishid by the discrecion of the maire and aldermen atthe iij tyme if he be taken trespassinge he shalbe foringed of the crafte for euermore.

None to work at night.

Also the goode folk of the crafte ben acorded that non be so hardi to wrik by nyzt no werk of peauter be cause it is regarded amonge thaim that the vew of the night is not so profitable ne certen as is of the day to the commen profit.

Penalties for breaking above rules.

Also that any of the saide craft be take in defaute in any of the pointes aforesaide he shal pai atthe first defaute xl. d. and atthe secund default vj s. viij d. And atthe iij defaute to be done of him aftir the discrecion of the maire and Aldermen and that of tho paymentis that one half be geuen to the chamber for to maintene the wardeines and that othir half to the wardeins of the craft for theire trauaile and expensis.

No man to entice away another's workman.

Also that none of the crafte grete ne smale *purloine* othirs allowes ayenst thassente & wille of his first mastir afore he haue fulli serued his terme aftir the couenante by twene hem made & that the saide alows haue made agree *with* his maister of the trespases and mysprises to him don if he haue ani thinge trespassed ayenst hym by the discrecions of the wardeins of the crafte. And he that dothe ayenst this ordinance to be punished aftir the discrecion of the maire and aldermen.

Nonetotake
a workman
who has not
been ap-
prenticed or
is not other-
wise com-
petent.

Also that non of the craft grete ne smale be so hardi to receiue any wirkeman of the craft but if he haue ben apprentice or be a goode wirkeman and suche as may haue witnes of his maister or of othir goode neighburghes to be of goode condicions. And may shew that wele and treuly he hathe serued his maister the tyme assigned by twene hem.

There were chosen and sworne to ouerse and kepe the articles aforesaid that is to witte Stephen le straunge and John Syward peautrers.

In the City books is the following further entry in a later hand. The original is in Latin. "On Thursday next after the Feast of Allhallows [1 November], in the 23rd year of the reign of King Edward the Third, etc. [1349], it was witnessed before Walter Turk, Mayor, and the Aldermen, that Stephen Lestraunge was dead, and that John Syward could not work; wherefore the reputable men of that trade chose Nicholas de Ludgate and Ernald Schipwaysse, pewterers, who were sworn to keep the articles aforesaid."

The John Syward above mentioned was probably a near relative of Roger Syward, pewterer, whose will, dated 1 November, 1348, was enrolled in the Court of Husting, 20 July, 1349. He lived in the parish of Allhallows, Bread Street, and left his trade implements to any of his sons who was willing to follow his trade. [Cal. of Husting Wills, ed. Sharpe, i., 596.]

The above interesting document shows that the Craft existed in an organised state in the reign of Edward III, the wardens being empowered to receive one half the fines inflicted on offenders against the ordinances. The designation of "The Craft of Pewterers" is the earliest by which the Fellowship is described in the records;* with it was associated the Brotherhood of The Assumption of Our Lady, as appears from the following ancient oath preserved in the "Jury Book":—

† We schull kepe to zowre powere well and treuly all the good rewlys of peutreres Crafte which ben enrolled in the Guyld halle of london and

* The style or title of "Craft of Pewterers" was retained (as appears from the headings of the annual audits) until 1528-9, when it was altered to "Craft or Mystery." In 1546-7, the "Mystery" usurps the place of the "Craft," the style being "Master of the Mistery of Pewterers and Wardens of the same Craft or Mystery." The modern designation of "Company" appears casually in 1542-3, but was first formally adopted in 1569-70, when the style runs "Master of the Companye and Mysterye and Wardens of the same Crafte or Mysterie." The terms Mystery and Craft finally disappear in 1611-12, from which date the style is "The Company of Pewterers."

† This oath is crossed through in the original.

This ys
woyde & of
nō effecte.

alle þe good counseles of the seyde Crafte and none of hem discoûe but if it be to the worschip of the Crafte and also ye shall worshep owre bretheren of the peutreres which ben þe bretheren of oure lady and socoure and helpe in eũy place so it be not hynderyng to 3owre selfe ne to 3oure worschep so helpe 3ou god and holy dam [holy Lady] and by þis boke. kis þe boke.

Although these early ordinances make no mention of the religious Fraternity, the oath, which is probably equally ancient, shows that the Craft and Guild were indissolubly connected. The records show no trace of any separate organisation of the two institutions, the Master and Wardens presiding over both the Guild and the Craft; no evidence is available to determine which of the two associations is the more ancient, or whether they had a simultaneous origin. In 1348, the trade control, which had no doubt been exercised for some time previously in an informal manner, was put upon a legitimate basis by the above Ordinances. The regulations of chief importance are those providing for the assaying of all pewter wares and fixing a standard for each quality. Two classes of ware are described, viz., Fine Pewter, which was a mixture of tin and brass in proportions not very clearly specified, being probably a trade secret; and Vessels of Tin, the alloy for which consisted of 26 lbs. of lead to each cwt. of tin.

These provisions, which head the earliest code of regulations of the Craft, were always most strictly enforced, and show the jealous care with which this ancient Guild secured and maintained the high reputation of English pewter for quality and workmanship. The remaining provisions are very similar to those which were in force in other guilds, but they all relate to trade management and are only incidentally concerned with the internal organisation of the Fellowship. The points comprised are the necessity for apprenticeship* or other technical training; penalties for theft and bad workmanship; and the prohibition of night work, of enticing away another's workmen, and of the employment of unskilled persons.

1351. The City records show that the Craft was not slow to use the powers which they now possessed for maintaining the credit of the trade.

* It will be noticed that previous apprenticeship was not a necessary qualification for admission to the Guild.

On Monday next after the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul [29 June], in the 24th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, etc., 23 measures called "potels," and 20 saltcellars, of pewter, were brought before Walter Turk, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, by the men of the trade of Pewterers; who said that the potels and saltcellars aforesaid were false, and made of false metal by John de Hiltone, "peautrer," here present in court, in deceit of the people, and to the disgrace of the whole trade. And the said John de Hiltone acknowledged that he had made the vessels aforesaid; and that it might be known whether the same vessels were of good and befitting metal or not, order was given to William de Greyngam, serjeant to summon forthwith before the Mayor and Aldermen, Arnold de Shypwaysshe, Nicholas de Ludgate, John Syward, William de Upton, John de Arlicheseye and William de Greschirche, Wardens of the Articles of the trade of Pewterers, that they might certify the Mayor and Aldermen, as to the genuineness or falsity of the make of the vessels aforesaid. Who being sworn, after viewing and examining the vessels aforesaid said upon oath, that the greater part of the metal of which the aforesaid potels and saltcellars were made was lead; whereas to one hundredweight of 112 pounds of tin there ought to be added no more than 16 pounds of lead. It was therefore adjudged that the said vessels should be forfeited to the use of the Commonalty.

Afterwards on the Thursday next after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross [14 September] in the 26th year, the said vessels were sold for 19s. 8d. in the time of Andrew Aubrey, Mayor, as appears in the accounts of Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, then next rendered. [Riley, *Memorials*, pp. 259-260. Original in Latin.]

1363. The enforcement of honourable dealing in trade and workmanship was a common aim among all the Crafts, and formed the plea on which they sought for powers over their respective trades, whether from the Crown or from the Corporation. This policy was fostered and directed by the Crown and Parliament. A statute passed in 1363 enacted that "two of every craft shall be chosen to survey that none use other craft than the same which he has chosen."* An important order of somewhat similar

* 37 Edw. III, cap. 6; Statutes of the Realm, i, 379.

purport, probably directed to the citizens by Edward III, is preserved in Liber Albus.† This precept was transmitted by the Lord Mayor to the various Crafts, and it is fortunately preserved in an early English dress at the end of the Jury Book. The document is undated in the Liber Albus, but the reference in the Company's ancient book to Letter Book G of the City records enables us to fix its date as of the same year, 1363.

This folowyng is entred in þe boke of G þe leef cxxxv. Also it is ordeined þat alle þe craftes of þe citee of london be trewly rewled and gouned euÿch in his degree in due maner. So þt no falsnesse false werke ne disceite be found in no maner of þe said Craftes, ffor þe worsship of þe good folk of þe said Craftes, and for the cōe p̄fite of þe peple. that of euÿ Crafte be chosen and sworn. iij. or vj. or mo. or fewer. as þe Crafte shall nede. the which folk so chosen and sworn shall haue full power of þe mair for that wele and trewly to do and p̄fo'me, And if any of the said Craftes be rebell contrarious or destourbouse, that they mowe nat duely p̄fo'me her office and of that he be atteinte that atte the first tyme he shal abide in prisone by x dayes and paie to þe Comunaltee for his trespasse x s. and atte the secunde tyme he shall dwell in prisone by xx dayes and paye to þe Comunaltee xx s. And atte the iij^{de} tyme he shall duell in prisone by xxx dayes and paie to the Comunaltee xxx s. and atte the iijth tyme he shall dwell in prisone by xl dayes and paie to the Comunaltee xl s.

1438. The materials at disposal for this early period are necessarily scanty, and we have no information as to the progress of the Craft during the next seventy-five years. In 1438 the silence breaks, and an interesting insight is afforded into the affairs of the Craft. Elated by the privileges granted them in the time of Edward III, the worthy men of the Pewterers seem to have taken upon them to make further ordinances without the authority of the Mayor and Aldermen and against the "profit" of the City. For this they had to appear before the Court of Aldermen on 19th November, when, after being examined, they fully confessed their fault, and on the 27th February, their illegal ordinances were "adnulled and utterly reiecte." A gleam of hope must have been vouchsafed them,

† Translation by Riley, pp. 424-5.

for on presenting themselves again with all due submission before the Court on the 20th March, a draft body of ordinances which they had prepared was approved.

This document is duly entered in the City books, but is here transcribed, as in previous cases, from the Company's old Jury Book.

Ordinances of the said crafte of peautrers enterd in the boke of k. in the lef clxxiiij. Be it remembred that the xix day of novembre In the yere of the regne of kinge henry the sixt aftir the conquest the xvij there came afore Stephen Browne maire & aldermen of london the worthy men of the craft of peautrers and severally examinid of and oppon many ordenances made *in* counsaile confessid that they hade made ordenances amonge *hemsel* *without* autorite of the maire the whiche by goode diligence and deliberacion examinid for as they were found ayenst the libertes of the cite and ayenst the comen profit and also *with* out autorite were made therfore by the maire and aldermen *in* their congregacion held *in* the chambre of the Guyld halle of the cite of london the xxvij day of februeri al tho ordenances were adnulled and utterly reiecte and afterwarde the xx day of march yn the yere abouesaide the wardeins of the saide craft putto the maire and aldermen abille wherof the tenor folowth the whiche bil aftir diligent examinacion afore had by the saide maire and aldermen was approued.

Ordinances made without authority annulled.

New bill approved.

Previous ordinances ratified.

*To the ful honorable lordes and soueraynes maire and aldermen of the cite of london. Humbli besechen the goode folk of the craft of peautrers *in* the saide citee that wher as for the goode of the comen peple worship of this cite & honeste of the saide crafte *þe* said besekers have certaine pointes and articles entird *in* the chamber of the saide citee *in* the boke of . ff. the lef. clv that it like vnto youre goode graces the said pointes and articles *in* forme as they of old tyme ben entird to accept ratifie & hem conferme and ouer that by youre ful wise discrecions to se and tendirly considir the pointes and articles here suinge writen and in that thei be goode and resonable *hem* to admitte for ferme sure and stable and hem graunt so to be entird *in* the chambre of the yelde halle aboue saide.

* A marginal note in a later hand is as follows :—A High Title given to y^e Mayor & Aldren.

Every member of the Craft to attend when summoned.

Firste for the treu observance of al the goode & commendable pointes articles & reules in the saide crafte that euery persone of þe same crafte that holdeth open shop in the said Citee or in the suburbus of þe same Citee whan and as often as he is warned by the mastirs of the said craft or by the bedel of the same craft that he come and be redy and attendant to the houre and place to hym assigned oppon peine of xij d that oone half alway to remaine to þe vse of the saide chambre* of the said chambre yeld halle and that othir half to the vse of the company of the said craft.

* sic

No person to take another's house, shop or standing place.

Also that no persone of the said craft hire procure ne put othir persone of the same craft out of his hous shōp or standing place in the cite of london nor in faires markettes nor in othir places out of this Citee nor mak no maner brogate [brokage] bi no mene persone priue ne apperte for any suche shop hous standinge place nor parcel of grounde and in especial in feires markettes and places oute of this Citee on lesse than the person that hathe ocupied it byfore tyme be dede or ells wol it yeld vp and leue it bi his fre wyl vppon peine of xls to be diuidid in maner as it is abouesaide and that is often tymes as any person of the saide craft be founde and proued doinge the contrari of this article and ouer that to be iuged by the maires discrecion.

House-holders of the Craft to pay 12 d. yearly.

Also that euery persone housholder of the saide craft that holdethe open shope by the strete side within the saide Cite or in the suburbs therof from this tyme forward paie yerly to the relief of pouer men of the same Craft xij d to be disposid by the discrecions of the masters and goode men of the same crafte in tyme of necessite in peine of dowblinge to the chambre.

None to sell or bargain deceitfully.

Also where as heuy noise and greuous disclaunder is grouen through þe makinge and vsinge of vnleful bargaynes of cheuisaunce for goddes cause and vnto þe correccion & sauf keepinge of the honest & goode fame of the gode folk of the saide Craft and of al this honorable Cite in that in him is that no person of the saide Craft from this tyme forward selle ony Peauter vessel to cheuisaunce wittingeli oppon peine of xl d. the hundrethe to be paid by hym so made to be reced [received] and diuidid in maner and forme aboue declared.

None of the
Craft to
melt his
metal ashes
except in
places
appointed.

Also in eschewing lettynge and cessynge of unfeul sotiltees and comen hurtes that no person of the Craft from this tyme forward melte his metal ashes in any othir place than only with suche a person brothir of the same Craft and place conuenient as by the wardeins and sad men of the same Craft generally therto shal be named and assigned oppon peine of xijd. the hundreþ as oft tymes as ony person of the said craft dothe the contrari to be reced and diuided in the forme abouesaid.

It would have been interesting to compare these Ordinances with the first draft which the City annulled. Their object was to secure a firmer control over the trade, and the machinery for this purpose helped to consolidate and extend the internal organisation of the Fellowship. The provision obliging every member of the Craft to attend personally when summoned by the "Masters" is especially important, and it gives us the first notice of a "bedel" as a permanent official. Another enactment of value to the Craft was the power granted them to impose a yearly contribution upon all pewterers keeping open shop.

Of the same date, 1438, there is in the Jury Book a curious table of regulations for the standard weights of all kinds of pewter vessels. Inferior quality and bad workmanship had been provided for in the Ordinances of 1348, and it now remained to deal with offenders whose wares failed to come up to the proper standard of weight.

This folowynge is entird in the saide boke of . k. in the lef Clxxvj. For that diuers artificers of the craft of peautrers hidir vnto haue do to be forged & made vessel weynge lizter [lighter] or heuier þan þei out [ought] to wey þerfore þat in euery sorte of uessels to be made a comen certainte shalbe had in tyme comynge thece quantitees of weghtes ben limited and assigned in alle assises of the uessel vndir- stond vndirwriten.

First the chargeours of þe largest assise a doseine weynge iij quartrons of a C. the pece weynge vij li. Also next þe grettist a dosen weyyng lxx lb. þe pece v lb. Also the middil chargeours a dosen weynge xxxix lb. þe pece weynge iij lb and a quarter. Also þe smale holow chargeours þe dosen weynge xxxiij þe pece ij lb and iij quarter. Also the platers of the largest assise þe dosen weynge xxx lb. Also the platers

of the next assice the doseine xxvij lb. Also þe middel platers a dosen weinge xxiiij lb. Also þe smale myddyl platers a dosen weyunge xxij lb. Also the disshes a dosen weinge of the largest assice xvij lb. Also the myddil dishes a dosen weinge xiiij lb. Also þe kinges dishes a dosen weinge xvj lb. Also the smale dishes a dosen weinge xij lb. Also the holow dishes a dosen weyunge xj lb. Also the smale holowe dishes a dosen weyunge x lb. Also þe sawcers of þe largest assice a dosen weinge ix lb. Also the myddil a dosen weinge vij li. Also next the myddil saucers a dosen weinge vj lb. Also þe smale saucers a dosen weinge iiij lb. Also xij of the grettest Galey disshes & Galey saucers a dosen weinge xij lb. Also xiiij dishes & xiiij saucers weinge of the next Galey mold of the smale dishes of Galy & Galy saucers weinge xij lb. Also the Cardinals hatte and saucers weinge a doseine xv li. Also xij florentyn disshes and xij florentyne saucers of the grettest assice weinge xiiij lb. Also the next florentyne disshes and florentine saucers weinge xij lb. Also the smale bolles a dosen weinge xiiij lb.

That ther be no conterfete þat cometh out of lundon but it be wel & sufficiently bete & that there be no cours ware aneled by no man of þe franchice of london to be solde for counterfete *in* lundon or *in* the contrey for disceiuyng of þe kinges peple from this tyme forward oppon þe peine aforesaid. Also a square potel weinge iiij lb. Also a square Quart weyunge ij lb dī. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.] Also a square pinte weinge a lb. dī. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.] Also a doseine of plaine salers weinge xiiij lb. Also a dosen of cowped salers weinge xiiij lb. Also a dosen of counterfete salers weinge xiiij lb. Also a dosen of plaine smale salers weinge ix lb. Also a dosen of smale counterfete salers weinge ix li. Also a dosen short salers weyunge ix lb.

The list of wares is curious, but is confined to dishes and plates, the description of which is presumably exhaustive. Pots and liquid measures were perhaps made by a special class of workmen; an early list of them is found in the Accounts for 1482-3, *see* p. 57. Spoons, little salts, and other small ware were made by poorer members of the trade.

1444. The control over the trade now exercised by the general body of the pewterers was considerable, and the influence of the Craft was rapidly increasing. So far as the manufacture was concerned, an efficient oversight

was insured, but power was wanting to deal with abuses connected with the raw material. Although tin was required for other trades, the pewterers were by far the largest consumers of it, and from the allegations in the following petition, it would seem that much fraud was practised by the merchants of the stanneries. To ensure a sufficient supply of tin from the Cornish and Devonshire mines, and to prevent any tampering with its quality, were first necessities with the Overseers of the pewterers' industry. The Wardens of the Craft were fortunate in their efforts to attain both these objects, as appears from the following entries in the City records (Letter Book K, foll. 219, 219b).

The Wardens of the Mystery of Pewterers to have a fourth part of all the tin brought for sale to London.

Memorandum quod ad Comune concilium tentum die Veneris decimo die Julii Anno regni Regis Henrici sexti vicesimo secundo ordinatum fuit et concordatum per Thomam Catworth Maiorem et Aldermannos cum assensu Comunitatis quod Custodes Mistere de Peautrers pro se et hominibus dicte mistere in Comuni habebunt quartam partem totius Stanni ducti ad Ciuitatem Londoniarum per terram siue per aquam de manibus ipsorum mercatorum stannum illud ad Ciuitatem deferentium pro tali precio sicut ceteris Ciuibus adtunc illud vendi contigerit omni fraude cessant etc.

COMUNE consilium tentum die Mercurii vicesimo secundo die Julii Anno regni regis Henrici sexti vicesimo secundo. In isto comuni concilio porrecta fuit quedam supplicacio Maiori Aldermannis et Comunitati per custodes et ceteros Ciues de Mistera de Peautrers Cuius quidem supplicationis tenor sequitur in hec verba.

Wardens to have power to search and assay tin melted within the City.

To the Right honourables lord and soueraignes the Maire & Aldremen of the Citee of London and to þe right wise and discrete Comons of the said Citee assembled in this present Counseill.

Mekely besechen the Wardeins and goodmen of the craft of Peautrers in London; for as moche as at euery coynage made in these dayes grete multitude of Tynne whiche is vntrewe and deceyuable is brought to this Citee and here is solde as dere as the best Tynne comyng to this said Citee, for as moche as no defaulte canne be perceyued therin tille it come to the myltyng Wherthrughe grete damages and hurtes daily growen and encrecen nat onely to youre said besechers but also to alle

the Kinges lieges bying myltyng and wirkyng the same tynne. Wherefore please it your honourable lordship and wise discrecions tendrely to conside the premisses and in eschuyng of the damages and hurtes aforesaid to ordeigne and graunt that the Wardeins of the said craft which for the tyme shulle be, haue auctoritee and power from tyme to tyme perpetually hereafter to serche and assaie alle tynne hereafter to be mulde withinne the said Citee and the Fraanchise therof, And alle the tynne by them to befounde deceyuable and vntrewe to take and areste to the vse of the Chambre of the Gildehalle of the said Citee as forfaite sauynge to the said Wardeins whiche for þe time shulle be, a resonable part by you to be limited of euery forfaiture for thaire labour to be hadde in the serche aforesaid And this for the comon auaille and encrece and in wey of charitee.

Que supplicatio per Comitatum fuerat concessa et affirmata. Et quia videbatur Maiori et Aldermannis quod dicta supplicatio tendit in promocionem iusticie et ex consequenti in sustentacionem prosperitatis rei publice ordinatum fuit quod dicta supplicatio execucioni demandetur in adiutorium sollicitudinis et laboris Maioris qui pro tempore fuerit ad quem spectat in solidum misprisiones negligencias et defectus omnium misterarum corrigere infra Ciuitatem supradictam etc.

1451. We have now reached a date when the long series of Accounts known as Audit Books begins; and these documents afford another and most valuable source of information. The earliest Audit Book commences in the year 1451. Prefixed to it are nine pages containing various memoranda of sums owing to the Craft and purchases made. They are interspersed with a transcript of the will and an inventory of the possessions of Thomas Cohed, who died in London on 19th July, 1425. These are of considerable antiquarian interest, and include the funeral expenses incurred by his executors. Cohed was probably a Pewterer and a benefactor to the Craft, but his relationship is not sufficiently clear to justify the transcript at length of these particulars. The following list of moulds purchased by the Craft is of interest, and occurs among the miscellaneous entries above referred to.

Þe partys of xv moldys bowthe [bought] of hew Swan Tho paruys willm prowde and Robard schalke, & Rychard ffelde John veysy

fferst	j	holow scharyder iiij parte ys	xix ti
Jtm	j	C pla ^l molde iiij part ys	xvj d
Jtm	j	C dysche molde iiij parte ys	xj d j q ^a
Jtm	j	C Sawsyrmolde iiij parte ys	v ti q ^a
Jtm	j	medyll pla ^l molde iiij parte ys	xij ti d j q ^a
Jtm	j	medyll dysche molde iiij part ys	ix ti
Jtm	j	medyll sawsyr molde iiij part ys	v ti q ^a
Jtm	j	kyngs ys dysche molde iiij part ys	xj ti d q ^a
Jtm	j	holow dysche molde iiij part ys	iiij ti d j q ^a
Jtm	j	holow sawsyr molde iiij part ys	ij ti d
Jtm	j	Salydysche molde iiij part ys	iiij ti d j q ^a
Jtm	j	Saly sawsyr molde iiij part ys	j ti q ^a d
Jtm	j	Salū bolle molde iiij part ys	xv ti
Jtm	j	qware bolle molde iiij part ys	vij ti
Jtm	j	Trechor molde iiij part ys	v ti d q ^a

Sm^a to^h C. xvij ti j q^a d
Bowth of Robard schalke.

A Gret fflorentyn dysche Alffyndell **h^c** weyth xiiij ti j q^a

These moulds were valuable trade possessions and their ownership was often shared by several pewterers. The Wardens of the Craft probably made the above purchases in the interest of the brethren to whom they were lent on hire.

1451-2. In order to assist in forming as clear a view of the position of the Craft as can be obtained at this early period, a complete transcript of the earliest annual account is subjoined, and will be followed by extracts from succeeding accounts and other records illustrating the growth and development of the Craft, the changes in its religious observances, its municipal functions and trade regulations, and the various aspects presented in these documents from time to time of its internal organisation.

This is the Accompt of John Grigge Maister of the Crafte of Peautrers of london, John Kendale and Stephen Annsell the Wardeins of the same Crafte, yoven and deliuered vp to piers Bysshop maister Robert Chamberleyn and Willm Eyre wardeins new chosen for the yere suyng that is to sey fro the fest of Seint Michell the xxx^{ti} yere of the regne of kyng Hen^r the sixt vnto the fest of Seint Michell the xxxj^{ti} yer which is by a hole yer

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ffirst they accompten by hem resceiued yn the Coē Box by Willm Baker maister John Coldham and Willm Crowde Wardeins heir pdecessours x ti xv s vij d
Item receiued of Morice Panton in ptie of paiement of xx s xj s
 Sm^a - xj ti vj s vij d.

Entrees of Bretheren and ffynes & Quarlage

Item receiued of John Dogowe Cornysshman to be made ffreman iij ti vj s viij d
Item receiued of John Elme for A ffyne vj s viij d
Item receiued of diu^{se} Bretheren and Sustren for quarlage for an hole yere as shew^t by a Bille of hir names lvij s
 Sm^a - vj li x s iiij d

Yiftes and Bequestes

Item receiued of the Executours of Nicolas Westwode by the hondes of Willm Brid ffoundo^r xvj ti viij s
Item receiued of the bequest of Anneys lumley v ti
 Sm^a - xxj ti viij s. Sm^a to^t Receiued - xxxix ti iiij s xj d.

Paiementes made by the seyde Accountants

ffirst paied to the Almesman for a yere xxiiij s
Item paied to the Wexchaundler for makyng of the wex atte iij tymes viij s ix d
Item paied for hyre of a Barge atte h^c goyng of the Shereves to Westmynster v s
Item paied for points for h^c Baner cloþes j d
Item yove to the Bargemen to drynke ij d
Item paied to ffrere Augustynes ij s
Item paied to Clerks the day of masse ij s
Item paied for makyng and peyntyng of Judas staves ix d
Item paied for the Burying of Thomas lambe xvj d
 Sm^a - xliij s j d

Costes made yn the sute of Piers Welles Executours

Item paied for a pleint made yn the meyres Court iiij d
Item paied to a Sergeaunt xij d
Item paied to Attorney xij d
Item spent vppon the Executours at wyne vj d
 Sm^a ij s x d

Item paied for makyng writing and engrosyng vp of his accompt xij d
 Sm^a xij d Sm^a to^t paied xlvj s xj d
 And so remayneth yn the Box xxxvj li xvij s
 wherof is clerely of the quartage for this yere x s j d

Dettours payde

ffirst Willm Sarkeler to paie at Cristmas last by Piers Bysshop vj s viij d
Item Moryse Panton ix s
Item Robert Person for Entre vj s viij d
Item John Hull for an hundred of layed metall xx s
 Sm^a xlij s iiij d

Things deliuered for the vse of the seid Crafte

ffirst yn a bag diuse weightes of lede þat is to sey xxviij lb xiiij lb
 viij lb iiij lb ij lb & j lb
Item a Bordcloth of dyapre conteynyng vij yerdes
Item a Bordcloth of dyapre conteynyng ix yerdes
Item a Bordcloth of dyapre conteynyng vj yerdes
Item a playn towaill conteynyng x yerdes
Item a pleyn towaill conteynyng viij yerds
Item a nob^r [another] pleyn towaill conteynyng viij yerds
Item a pleyn towaill conteynyng vij yerds
Item a pleyn towaill conteynyng vj yerdes
Item ij Baners of þ^e Armes of þ^e Crafte
Item a penon
Item viij Ban^s w^t lyly potts & straks for Trumpetts

This been the names of hem that been sworn and no Bretheren in oure tyme.

Thomas Turnour	Robt Castell	Thomas Merlowe
Piers Pynton	Thomas of Grove	Robt Dewe

The accounts at this early period were very concisely kept and throw little light on the organisation of the Craft; we must look to those of a later date for more detailed information. The large sum paid by the Cornishman, John Dogowe, for his freedom, shows that the Company's control of the trade was widely exercised, and that its membership was at

this time a highly-valued privilege. It is clear also from the receipt of quarterage from "Sustren" as well as "Bretheren" that women were admitted, not only to the religious fellowship connected with the guild, but also to the craft, which included their contributions in its accounts. The mention of "freemen" and "brethren" shows the existence at this early period of two classes of members. The freemen probably possessed only trade privileges and had little share in the government of the craft. The gifts and bequests for this year amounted to no less than 2*l.* 8*s.*, the total receipts for the year being 39*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* The payments include the hire of a barge to accompany the Sheriffs to Westminster, and two years later the charge of 10*s.* 8*d.* first appears for a similar compliment paid to the Mayor. Of the great religious festival annually kept at this time at the Augustine Friars, but afterwards at the church of the Grey Friars, fuller particulars appear in subsequent years.

Another characteristic function of the Company is shown in the payment of 24*s.* a year to an almsman, and the practice of attending at the funeral of a deceased brother is illustrated by the charge of 16*d.* for the cost of burying Thomas Lambe. The minor duties of hospitality were duly observed in the payment of 2*d.* for "drynke" to the bargemen and of 6*d.* spent upon Piers Welles' executors for wine. The entry of John Hull's debt of 20*s.* for a cwt. of lay metal refers to the Company's practice of melting down the pewter ware seized for bad workmanship or inferior quality, and selling it to their members as "lay" or common pewter. The bag of leaden weights mentioned in the inventory accompanied the officers of the craft in their searches for false ware. The last item in the inventory is interesting as showing two of the devices or cognizances of the Company, namely the lily-pots, assumed in honour of their patroness, the Virgin Mary, and the mysterious objects called strakes or strikes, which are charges in the Pewterers' arms. They appear from a subsequent entry (*see* page 99) to have been ingots of tin.

1452-3. Jf^r paide to a Clerk of the Chauncery þ^r arested John Turno^r and Willm̄ Crowde for his reward in labóyng to serche for statuts & oþ^r thyngs to þentent to labo^r to þe plement for a charter for þe Craft to haue serche thurgh England . v s.

The charter was not secured until 1473, after an expenditure of a large amount both of money and labour. Turnor and Crowde were both "bretheren," and the latter was an influential member of the Craft. What they had done to incur the penalty of an arrest does not appear.

Item a penon of the Salutacion. [From inventory.]

1455-6. **Item** for a kylderkyn of threhalpeny ale xx d.

Item for the masse doon at Greyfrers on our lady day ij s. viij d.

The annual charges paid to the two great religious houses of the Grey Friars and the Augustine or Austin Friars are not intelligible at first sight, but a careful examination of the Accounts from 1451 to 1492 gives the following result. The Craft rented certain premises at Austin Friars at an annual payment of 2*s.*, afterwards increased to 3*s.* 4*d.* The accommodation provided was the use of a great Hall for the great annual feast and for minor festive gatherings, apartments for elections, settlement of accounts, etc., and probably offices for the general use of the Craft and its governing body throughout the year. At the Grey Friars three religious meetings or "offryngs" took place each year, viz., at Christmas, Easter, and the Feast of the Assumption. The "braunch," kept clean and repaired from time to time at the expense of the Craft, was resplendent before the altar of Our Lady with candles provided by the wax chandler, who allowed in his account for the "waste" of partly burnt candles returned to him. The music was provided by the Company of Parish Clerks and "syngyng" boys, and the priests and clerks officiating were duly rewarded. The solemn duty of caring for the souls of Royal patrons, deceased brethren and sisters, and pious benefactors, duly performed, the festive ceremonies followed at the sumptuous abode of the Austin Friars. The last year of meeting here was 1486, when the Company took possession of their newly built Hall.

Item a licence vnder seal of the yifte Armes vnto the seide Crafte by an heraulte of Armes. [From inventory.]

No trace of this early grant of arms exists. It is important to note that the Craft bore arms before their incorporation.

1456-7. **Item** receyued for takyng in of p'ntices v s.

This is the first mention of fees for inrolling apprentices, and such fees do not appear regularly in the accounts until the year 1487. The

custom of apprenticeship was however well established, if not quite compulsory, at this time, as appears from the list of names on the next few pages.

Itm paid to maist' Rog' Clerk of the yeldhall for seying of þe ordeñnces þ' þe vj men of the Crafte made vj s. viij d.

See pages 7-8 where the Six men or Wardens of the Articles, in 1350, have their duties described.

Itm paid for Syngers at our lady masse at the Gray ffrerys iij s.

Itm to haue in mynde of awarde made bytwene the felaship of þe Crafte of Peaut'ers & John Turno' & Richard lawton of þe same crafte by iiij men chosen by assent of bothe pties as for offence don to þe same Crafte touching for the lyue [livery] which iiij men awarded þat þe said John Turno' & Ric' lawton shuld brynge in to þe box for þeir said offence xx. s. And þey woll not obeye it ffor þe which & for oþ' disobeisance þ' þey haue don to þe maist' & wardeyns þey ben put out of þ' said felaship.

The roll of the members of the Company in this year's account and that of the following year contains three divisions: (1) "the broth'en þat paien quartage." These are the Livery or Clothing. (2) "hem þ' be no brotheren & paien quartage." These are the Freemen or Yeomanry who had obtained licence to set up in business or "open shop" for themselves. (3) "Couenn't men & App'ntices." The "covenant men" are the Journeymen, but all of them were probably Freemen. It will be observed that the men whose names appear in the third class are attached to one or other of the "brotheren" whom they served as master.

These ben the names of the broth'en of þe said Crafte þat paien quartage

John Coldhm	Willm large	John Cokonow
Robt Chamberlayn	John kendale	John Parys
Thomas Page	Willm Crowde	Stephen Todde
Willm Dere	John Goodale	Thoms Gardyner
Thomas Dounton	Piers Bisshop	John Pepond
John Gugge þe elder	Willm Eyre	John lambard
Stephen Aunsell	John Dogowe	Willm Smalwode

John Veysy	Hugh Swan	Symond Drayton
Nicholas Walker	John Whitehed	Willm Wylby
Morys Panton	Thoms launtot	John Gugge þe yong ⁱ
Thoms Smyth	Piers Warbylton	John Turno ^r
Richard ffelde	Thomas Grove	Richard lawton
John Martyn	Piers pynton	John Bristowe
Robt Hacche	John Gynger	

The names of hem þ^r be no brotheren & paien quartage

Thomas Marler	John Couper	John Mylys
Richard kyrke	Richard Halle	Wythm Blowfelde
William Randolf	Rauff Burnes Wif	Roberde Seyke
John Pecok	Watkyn Wardes Wif	John Harrys
Thomas Turno ^r	Roberde Dewee	Roberde Byllynge

Thes ben the names of Couennt men & Appntices.

John Gugge þe elder	{	Robert Parson	}	Couennt men	
		John Bouer			
		John Baron			
		John ffrank			
John Kendall	{	John Batte	}	Couennt men	
		John Cambrigge			
		John Hede			
		Richard Halle			
		John Burgeys			
		Willm Wode		}	pntices
		Ri ^e Rowyn			
		John Aleke			
		Ri ^e Brykley			
		Ri ^e Moresley			
Piers Bisshop	{	Symond Thepler	}	Couennt	
		Thoms loth			
		John lambe			
		Willm Baker			
	{	John Armerer	}	pntices	
		Thomas Cade			

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John Turno ^r	{	Wal ^r Waly Thoms Saltford Thoms Brevyll	}	Þntices
Wal ^r Warde	{	Thoms Blak John Sneylam	}	Þntices
Ri ^c lawton	{	Ro ^b t ffoster Willm ^o Benet Willm ^o Hytton John Hill	}	Couen ⁿ t Þntices
Willm ^o Crowde	{	Willm ^o Sexteyn Thomas Barton Bartholomew Eyles Thoms Steynford Willm ^o Bedyll John lawston leonard Otwey	}	Couen ⁿ t Þntices
John Goodale	{	Ro ^b t Squyer John ffodryngey John Gybon	}	Þntices
Willm ^o large	{	Thoms large Willm ^o Assh	}	Þntices
Stephen Auncell	{	Harry Osbarn Willm ^o Richardson Ro ^b t of Cokton	}	Couen ⁿ t Þntices
Willm ^o Eyer	{	John Cleny James Hylton	}	Þntices
John Parys	{	John Clerk Thoms Goodlak Thoms Nycoll Ri ^c Bekyrstaff Ri ^c Morys	}	Couen ⁿ t Þntices

Steph'n Tod	{ Willm Trekill	Couenñt
	{ Willm Elys	} pñtices
	{ John Chamberlayn	
John pepond	John Westerby	Couenñt
Morys Panton	{ Robt Smyth	Couenñt
	{ Arnold Negerby	} pñtices
	{ Thom's Chalke	
Nicholas Walker	{ Robt Mounteyn	Couenñt
	{ John Broun	pñtice
Thom's Smyth	{ Thom's Wynd	} pñtices
	{ Thom's Bridbroke	
	{ John Megyll	
Piers Pynton	{ John Wyttyng	Couenñt
	{ John Robynet	} pñtices
	{ John Edward	
John Cogens	Harry	pñtice
Thom's Grove	{ Harry Stapelherst	} pñtices
	{ John kynthorp	
	{ Willm Cok	
Symond Drayton	{ John Dymmeys	} pñtices
	{ Adam Hyndeson	
John Whitehed	{ Wa ^r Marchall	Couenñt
	{ John Coke	pñtice
John lambard	{ John Briche	} pñtices
	{ John Hynde	
Thom's Turno ^r	{ Willm Symond	} pñtices
	{ Willm Lavynd	
John Gugge the yong ^o	{ John Baker	Couenñt
	{ John	pñtice

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Willm Smalwod	John Coldhm	pn̄tice
John Veysy	{ Willm Wace Thoms Bachiler	{ pn̄tices
Richard ffelde	Ri ^o ffowle	pn̄tice
John Warde	Willm Couper	pn̄tice
Piers Warbylton	{ Ri ^o Esterby John Wysbech Thoms Dunton	{ Couenn̄t pn̄tice
Thoms launtot	Thomas Plomer	pn̄tice
John pecok	John lechford	Couenn̄t
Thoms laurence	Thoms Dunhm	Couenn̄t
Robt Hacche	{ John Colman John Gylmyn John Robynson	{ Couenn̄t pn̄tices
Willm Randolf	John Kelefet	pn̄tice
John mylys	Thoms Johnsone	pn̄tice
Ri ^o kyrke	John Barbo ^r	pn̄tice
John Couper	Thoms Woo	pn̄tice
John Coldhm	{ John Oakele Wal ^o Haydon	{ pn̄tices
Robt Chambleyn	{ Willm Chambleyn Thoms Gyues John Blakeney Thoms Smyth John Goddesman John Egermond John Cardenall John Byceter Ri ^o ffisher	{ Couenn̄t pn̄tices
Thoms page	{ Ri ^o Speryng Willm vtle	{ pn̄tices

	{ John Grene Harry Kykesby Richard Moy Richard Trekyll Willm Skynner Ric ^d ffelde Thoms Grove John Robard Thoms Alisaunder John Warner Willm Brydfeld John Dunton John Stowell John Barnet Richard laykot Piers Bisshop Willm Baker John Armorer }	Couennt
Thoms Dounton merc ^d		
		pntrices
Thoms Marler		pntrice
	John Pytsey	} late Coldhms pntrice
	Richard Bacchawe	
	Robt Stradley	
	Robt Byllyng	
	Harry loder	
	Robt Seke	
	John Gyng ^d	
	John Want oth ^d wise Bristowe	
	Willm Wylby	
	John Elmys	
	Ric ^d Ramsey	
	John ffrost	

It is curious to note that Thomas Dounton, who has the largest number of workmen and apprentices, is described here and elsewhere as a Mercer.

Jf payde for the sele of the dede to the menoresse vjs. viij d.

1458-9. **Jfm** ffor Borgon & Bryan & Whetnalle men off lawe ffor **h**^e seeyng off Evedens bee twyxt my lady pryoras off menoras and
vs x s.

This religious house was the Abbey of the Minoreses of St. Mary of the order of St. Clare, from which the Minories takes its name. It was founded by Blanche, Queen of Navarre, consort of Edmund, Duke of Lancaster, in 1293. On its surrender at the Dissolution, the house was granted to Dr. Clerk, Bishop of Bath and Wells and Master of the Rolls. In 1552 the chief mansion, called the Minory House, was granted by Edward VI to Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, father of Lady Jane Grey. After passing through the possession of various other owners, it was appropriated for military stores and an armoury in connection with the Tower of London, and was ultimately separated into lesser tenements.

Bee it to have in mynd off a dyner was i maade Bee robard chambyrleyn mastyr and Wylm smalwood Stevyn tod wardeynys off peawtrers **h**^e xxvj^{te} day off avgwst a^{no} xxxvij^{te} vn too **h**^e ffelaschyp off peawtrers craft **h**^e whych cost **h**^e Evne and **h**^e day and **h**^e morn viijth xxijd q^a. Ther off resseyvyd off alle **h**^e ffelasschyp off **h**^e craft at **h**^e tym iiijth xijs. xd. And so **h**^e seyde Robard chambyrleyn mastyr and Wylm smalwod & stevyn tod Wardeyns Be at moor coste **han** they weer sessyd Be **h**^e ffelasschyp at ffrys awstyn xxxviij s.

It will be seen by other extracts from the accounts that the "dyner" here mentioned did not really last three days, but consisted of three repasts held in connection with the great annual religious festival of the Fellowship. These were the modest meal of buns and ale after Dirige on the eve of the Festival, the great feast after High Mass on the following day, and a breakfast on the day after the festival, which was probably attended only by the governing body assembled at a meeting to settle the accounts. The religious functions were held at the Grey Friars, and the festivities and business meetings at the Friars Austin.

1459-60. **Jt** payde to viij men of the crafte for rydyngge azens the kynge liijs. iiij d.

Who was the royal personage mentioned in the above entry is not clear, but it was probably Richard Duke of York, father of Edward IV,

who had defeated the Lancastrians at the battle of Blore Heath. Gregory in his Chronicle* relates that the Duke sent for "trompeters and claryners to bryng hym to London, and there he gave them baners with the hole armys of Inglonde with owte any dyversyte, and commaundyd hys sworde to ben borne uppe ryghte be-fore hym; and soo he rode forthie unto Lundon tyll he come to Westemyster to Kyng Harrys palys, and there he claymyde the crowne of Inglonde. And he kepte Kynge Harry there by fors and strengythe, tyll at the laste the kyng for fere of dethe grauntyd hym þe crowne." King Henry's fortunes were at a low ebb during the year 1459-60, which this account covers, and it seems most probable that the livery companies were summoned to attend his successful rival, who, as the above quotation shows, had assumed the title of king.

1460-1. *Jfm* payde to Thom lotte and to John ffroste fore wachchyng
att the Towre of london fore xxxⁱ dayes eu'y day vd xijs. vjd.

The position of the citizens at this period was not enviable. They were probably anxious to please both of the great contending parties. Besides being responsible for the defence of the City, which was especially liable to attack at London Bridge, they had to act in concert with the Governor of the Tower and furnish men for its defence in times of war and civil commotion. The Pewterers' Company furnished two men fully armed, whom they maintained for thirty days. The total contingent provided by the companies and the City probably reached 150 men.

Jfm payde of the Box monay to the viij men that rode azenste the
kyng eu'y man vjs viij d liijs. iiij d.

This year again the King—probably Henry VI, whose fortunes had been restored by his intrepid consort, Queen Margaret—was received by the citizens on passing through London.

Jfm payde fore yowre Bedell ys gowne xijs. vjd.

The Beadle of the Company was in those early times the most important of the paid officials. He attended the Master and Wardens in their "searches," and sometimes himself went on "search" by their direction. He lived in later times at the Hall, whilst the Clerk appears

* Historical collections of a Citizen of London in the fifteenth century. Edited by James Gairdner, Camden Society. New Series, 17, p. 208.

to have had only an office there. It was his duty to summon the brethren to all meetings, to pay the alms people, keep the Hall and premises in safe custody and good order, and to carry on under the direction of the Master and Wardens the trade relations which existed between the Company and its members, such as purchase of tin, hire of moulds, stamping of wares, etc. He also superintended the workmen in repairs to the property of the Fellowship, purchasing all materials, and acting as clerk of the works, if not as master builder.

Jfm payde for makynge of a byll to Cobbe for to pute yn the parlemente howse for the welle [weal] of all the ffelechype iiij s.

The Company were now actively prosecuting at Court legal powers for securing adequate authority over their own members and the trade at large. Then, as now, it was an expensive matter to approach Parliament, and at this period, besides the official fees and payments to their own counsel, certain other "expenses" by way of gift and entertainment to those who could forward the Company's interests frequently occur in the accounts, and helped to make a long and costly series of charges by the time that the charter of incorporation was obtained.

1461-2. **Jfm** paid on Alhalow evyn [31 Oct.] for bote hire to bryng certeyn men of the craft to Westmynst^r & a yene w^t **h**^c mair for to speke w^t **h**^c kyng vj d.

Jfm to men of Counsell and for a bill makynge to put into **h**^c plement and in expensę done on such as shold put it vp xs. viij d.

Jfm geven to certeyn men at Cutlers halle to axe hem counsell of certeyn maters touchyng **h**^c comon wele, for to drynk viij d.

Instances of the good fellowship which existed between the Pewterers and other city companies frequently occur. The officers of the Cutlers' Company seem to have been held in high reputation for learning and skill in legal matters.

Jfm paid for brede & wyne at **h**^c myter in chepe whan certeyn men of the Craft were there and spake w^t Robt Blont ~~ij s.~~ xvj d.

Jfm paid for makynge of a bille of ordinauncę of the Craft ij s. iiij d.

1462-3. **Jfm** paid for j barge and j bote for to goo w^t the kyng to resceiue hym atte his comyng to the plement vjs.

This was King Edward IV, who had received great help from the citizens, and was coming from Sheen to London by water. The Corporation and the Guilds joined in giving him a stately and fitting welcome.

Memorand' that in the tyme of the seid John Kendall Master Thomas page and William Smalwode Wardeynes of the forseid Crafte of peautrers of the Citee of London by the advys and assent of all the hole ffeleshipp that oon Richard Moy was ffounde and proved opynly a theeff in robbing of Robt Chamberleyn peautrer Clene haue dismysst hym owte of the ffeleshipp for ever more.

The above is an instance of the great powers which the companies possessed over individual citizens. The sentence upon Richard Moy practically involved a deprivation of all civil rights, since he could not carry on his trade as a Pewterer without being a member of the Company, and no other Company would admit him to its membership.

1463-4. Following the list of newly admitted brethren who duly paid the entrance fee of 6s. 8d. are the names of defaulters upon whom distress was levied. This list is headed "Stresses taken for entres," and the second entry is: **Item** of Thomas Dunton xvij countrefete platers weying xxxix lb beyng in the handes of Herry Staplehurst.

Item paid to John ffrost bedell for his wages of the hool yere . xxiiij s.

Item paid to certeyn of the felaship that wolde not dyne with the
Mayre the day that he toke his charge ij s. iiij d.

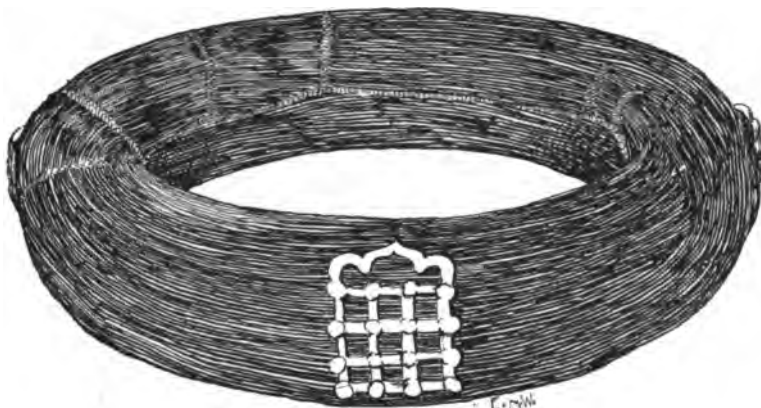
The Companies gave their attendance to the mayor "at his going to Paules" seven times a year, viz.: on Allhallows day (1 November), Christmas day, St. Stephen's day (26 December), St. John's day (27 December), New Year's day, Twelfth day, and Candlemas day (2 February). They also attended him when he took oath at Westminster on the morrow of St. Simon and St. Jude (29 October), and "had place at the mayor's feast in the Guildhall" in order of precedence. The Pewterers were fourteenth in order, and were represented by their wardens and five persons, for whom two messes were provided (Stow's Survey of London, 1603, p. 541). The above payment was a contribution from the Fellowship for providing a dinner for those members who were not invited to Guildhall, the rest of the cost was provided by Stewards chosen in rotation for the purpose.

Item paid to John Broke the Almes man for a quarter . . . xx d.

Item paid to Thomas Barton Almes man for an hool yere . . . vj s. viij d.

In this year, 1463, the ancient record book of the Company containing their earliest ordinances, previously described as the Jury Book, was given by Robert Chamberlain and Cicely his wife, together with three election garlands. In the inventory following the accounts for 1463-4 these chaplets are thus described.

Item iij Chaplettes of rede satyn with tassette and on oon of them ij strakes and an Image of the assumpcion of oure lady of silu.



Election Chaplet, or Garland, given by Robert and Cicely Chamberlayn in 1463.

In the Jury Book also are found the most ancient oaths of the Fellowship. First is the oath of a Freeman of London administered by the Chamberlain at Guildhall, and this early form has great interest :

The Oath of the Freemen of the City.

Ye shul swere that ye shul be goode & trew vnto oure souereyne lorde *N* kinge of ingelōde and to his heires kynges obeysante and obedient vnto the mayre and to the ministres of this cite *þe* franchises and the customes therof ye shul maȳtene and the cite kepe harmeles in that that in yow is ye shal be contributari to al maner charges wⁱⁿ this cyte as somones wacches contribuōns taxes tallages and al othir charges berynge youre pte os anoþ^r freman shal ye shul coloure no foreines goode wher bi the kinge myghte lece his customes or his avauntage ye shal know no foreyne to bey selle nor marchandice w^t anothis foreine wⁱ

this Citee ne the franchices therof but ye warne þe chambirleyne therof or sū minstre of the chāber ye shulle enplede no fremā oute of this Citee while ye mow haue rizte & lawe here w'i ye shal take non aprentice but if he be fre borne and for no lesse tme than vij yere w'i the first yere ye shul do hī be ērolled & atthe tmes ende ye shul make hī frē if he haue wele & trewly serued yow ye shul also kepe the pes ī youre owne pson ye shul know no gaderigges cōuenticles nor cōspiracies made ayenste þe peas but ye warne the Maire therof and lette hit to youre power al thes pointes ye shul wel and truli kepe acordinge to the laws ande customes of this Citee to youre power so helpe yowe god.

Following the above oath are those prescribed for the brethren of the Fellowship and for the Master and Wardens.

The othe of the feliship of pewterars of london.

You SHALL SWERE that you shall be faithefull to oure souerayne lorde the kyng and to hys eyrys [*and successors] kyngs [*and queens] of yngelande and the peasse of the Cety you shall kepe to youre powre. Obediens. You shall be good in aberynge and obedyent to all laufull comaundements of the master and wardens of the felyschep of pewterars for the tyme beinge and their successours Master and wardens. Councell And the counsell of the said crafte that is said here or in any other place consarvyng the wealle of the felyschep you shall kepe and not vttur to no strange parson nother within the Citie nor w'oute. Preiudyce nor hurtt You shall knowe no p'iudyce nor hurt to be don to the felyschep but you shall lett yt to youre powre and geve warninge to the master and wardens therof. Ordernaunce AND all the good Rullys and ordernaūcs of the saide crafte made or to be made by the master wardens and Comynalty of the said Crafte you shall kepe. Somons AND you shall come to all and to euy somons of the master and wardens lawfully warned by the bedyll in their name. p'vely workyng And that you shall not worke preuely not apart with any parson excepte he be free of the same Crafte. Contributo's AND shalbe contributor to all charges within the said crafte nowe accustomed or here to fore hathe bene. The poore bretheren You shall ayde and socoure the poore brotheren of the saide crafte to youre poure. IN ALL THES THYNGES above rehersed and in all other

* Additions in later hand.

that to the same Crafte belongs well and truly for the welle and worschep of the same Crafte you schall behaue you and kepe you soo god you helpe † and all saynts &c.

The Othe for the maister and Wardens.

Ye shall swere that you shall be faythefull to oure souerayne lorde the kynge and to his ayris kyngs, and you shall well and onestly Intret your felyschepe, and Ryght do as well to the poure as to the ryche, and the profett of the felyschyp in that that you is, to youre power laufully and ryghtuously you shall mayntayne and incesse, and a trewe accounte therof make. And Just Jugys you shalbe vpon the complaynt of youre felyschep as well to the poure, as to the ryche. And no syngular profett do to youre owne parsons where thorowe the common profytt of the felyschep may be harmed or hurte, and all the good lafull ordenauncys and Rulys of the said ffelyschep that nowe be made or in tyme to come shall be made, yow shall kepe and mayntayne to your powre. Nor no man receyue in to the said felyschep w'oute the assent of the felyschep or the more parte of them. In these and all other thyngs that partayneth to your office to do, you shall well and trewly be haue you. So god be youre helpe and all sayntts.

1464-5. **Item** paid to vj men for þeir clothyng þ^e rode ayenst þ^e quene at her Coronacion xxx s.

This was the Lady Elizabeth Grey, the widow of Sir John Grey, whom Edward IV had privately married in February.

1465-6. The list of new liverymen for this year has the following quaint heading:—

“**These** be the names that beth taken in to the lyvery þis seid yere by the mayster and wardeyns and þ^e thryfty men of þ^e crafte.”

ResseyBid in ffynis [fines]. ffirste of Wittm Crowde for he cam nott Cristemas day and þ^e twelthe day to Powlys ij s.
 John Whythed cam not to powlys þ^e twelthe day xij d.
 Richarde kyrke cam not to powlys þe xij^e day xij d.
Item Richarde kyrke toke an axion on Roberde mownteyne w' oute leve of the maist^r and þ^e wardeynes a ffyne iij s. iiij d.

† The words following this sign are marked through in the original.

This heavy penalty shows what importance the Company attached to the article in their later ordinances forbidding their members to go to law with each other without first submitting their differences for adjudication to the Master and Wardens.

Item to þ^e felshippe þ^t dyned not w^t þ^e meyre and þ^e sherevis iiijs. ij d.

Item for þ^e mendynge of þ^e cheyne and scorynge of þ^e basen at þ^e ffryres viij d.

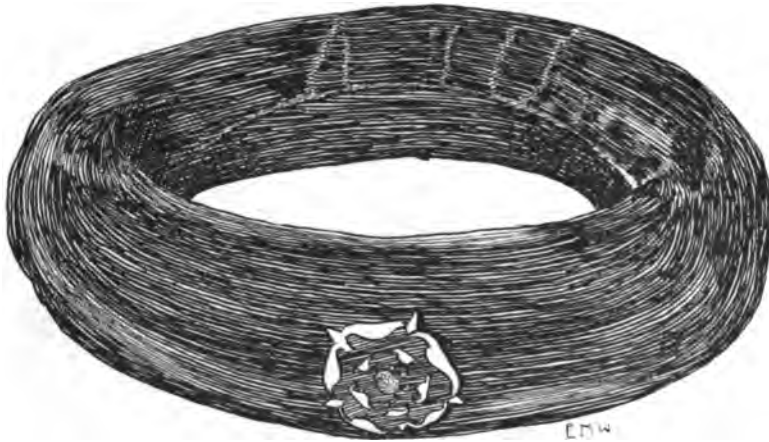
Item ij baners of þ^e Armyes of þ^e Crafte and a penown w^t Seynt mihell.
[From the inventory.]

¶ We h^t remembrid that Peerse Bysshop Pewterer hath geve to þ^e bretherhed of our lady thasompcon of pewtrers crafte in þ^e yere of þ^e maist^r and þ^e Wardeynes of þ^e Acounte vij lb. iiij lb. ij lb. and a j lb. of brasse Selyd [weights]. [At foot of inventory.]

The two following entries are remarkable specimens of composition. The first explains the refusal of the auditors to certify the accounts of the year because the balance had not been brought in. The second is an expulsion from the craft of one Thomas Wynde, an unruly brother, it being provided that he should only be re-admitted upon paying a new entrance fee.

¶ We it yn mende that the xxvijth day of Septembr þ^e Saterdag before myhelmasse Day that we John Coldhm mayster Will Smalwode Nicolas Waker Wardenys made ther A com̄pt at ffrere Austynis the day & 3yer a ffor seyde of soche goodis and tresur beyng yn ther handis that is to say xv li and þe ou^{er} plus as it spisiffyd in ther a com̄pt w^t other orlemyns [ornaments] as it aperith in þ^e seyde a com̄pt In presense of All þ^e craft ther beyng And were [whereas] the seyde crafte wolde nauth exsepthe the seyde A com̄pt by cause that the mony wath nauth brouth yn beyng in the handis of John Kendall and John Parisch to þ^e Sm^a iij & xij li viijs vd it wath A cordyt [accorded] that þ^e craft schulde go to gedyr And to thake ther Avische [advice] or serch the iij olde maystr^{er} and þ^e wardenys and þ^e iij newe mays^{ter} & wardenys this j don the seyde craft a cordyt to gedyr and With Croude brouthz [brought] op thar verdyd [verdict] that þ^e iij^e olde mays^{ter} & wardenys schulde kepe the seyde A com̄pt in ther handis on thil [until] þ^e monday iij^e wakys [weeks] after mihelmasse day in the 3yer a bowe seyde.

Also the seyde day and yerne Th^o Wynde in as mekyll [inasmuch] as he was Rebyll and wolde nathe be reulyd [ruled] by the good men of þ^e craft After the good Reulis of þ^e seyde crafft the seyde good men dysmysyd the seyde Th^o Wynde houth of þ^e craft op on his a mendement of hym selfe and nauth to be take in to þ^e seyd crafft w^t houth [without]



Election Chaplet, or Garland, given by Robert and Cicely Chamberlayn in 1463.

þ^e well of þ^e seyde mayst^r and wardenys that now ben And her after shall ben And be all þ^e craft and þ^e seyde Th^o Wynde to paye a newe hentry as þ^e craffth shall will a corde.

1467-8. ffirst payed to Robert Chamberleyn for the purchase of our lyvelode ^{xx}iiij ti.

This would seem to have been a payment towards the expenses of the charter, which is often described as the "livelihood" of the Company. Chamberlain gave, on 2nd May, 8th Edward IV (1468), to the Company as security for a debt of 80*l.*, a mortgage of certain tenements and shops in the parish of "Our Lady of Colechurche of London," held on lease from the Prior and Convent of Chicksand, Bedfordshire, for a term of which 65¼ years were unexpired at the Lady Day preceding. The document is entered in the Jury Book, fol. 75a.

1469-70. *Itm* paid in expences on the harnesssed [armoured] men wacchyng with the mayre ij s. ix d.

Itm deli^ued oute for clothyng atte the kynges comyng inne iij li.

This year the unfortunate Henry VI was again placed for a few months on the throne. He was released from the Tower on 5th October, 1470, by the Earl of Warwick, and on 13th October went to St. Paul's in state to return thanks for his restoration.

1471-2. *Itm* payed unto *h*^e pryor of cheksond for rerage and in owre tyme unto mydsom⁹ in A^o rr Ed iij^{ia} xij^o sm^a viij li. v s.

This payment was a quit rent for Chamberlain's property just referred to, the mortgage of which appears to have been foreclosed by the Company. The houses were in the Old Jewry, near the Poultry, perhaps at its south-west corner. The Priory of Chicksand in Bedfordshire was a Priory of Gilbertine Canons and Nuns, founded circ. A.D. 1150.

Itm for cost^e & *h*^e sewte of owre lyuelode rekon hit Sm^a. vij. li. iij. s.

1472-3. The whole of the "Discharge" or payments of this year's account is subjoined for comparison with that of the year 1451, printed on pages 15-17. It will be seen that the total annual expenditure had increased nearly fourfold during these 21 years.

These bene the paiement^e and necessary expⁿsis made by the said maister and wardeyns within the tyme of this accompte as folowith.

ffurst paid to the Priour of Chiksand for the quytrent of oure tenement for the hole yer by maist⁹ Rog⁹ marchalle iij li.

Itm paid to John ffroste for his wagis this yer xxiiij s.

Itm paid to Thomas Gardyner oure Almesman vj s. viij d.

Itm paid for botehire to westmynst⁹ warde and homeward with the Shrifes xxj d.

Itm the same day for a brekefaste to the felauship ij s.

Itm the same day to the ffelauship in wyne at the hole bulle xij d.

Itm paid for botehire whan the mair⁹ wente to westmys⁹ and to londonwarde ayen ij s. vij d.

Itm paid the same day for brekefaste to the ffelauship v s. ij d.

Itm spente amonge the felauship at the gray freris in the plament tyme	xvj d.
Itm affter that an other tyme to the ffelauship at the mermayde	x d.
Itm at the Grayfreris to make up the offryng there	xij d.
Itm paide at the Mit ^r in Chepe to a scryvaner and for wyne	x d.
Itm paide to the wexchaundeler for new wex & makyng therof	vij s. xjd. oß.
Itm paide to the ffrere Augustynes in money	ij s. iiij d.
Itm paide to Willm Randell for makyng of the braunche	xij d.
Itm for makyng clene of the same braunche	iiij d.
Itm they asken to be allowed for diuers exspence and costs made up on dyurse psones lerned and wrytyngs for the spede and purchacyng of the corporacoñ for the wele and worship of alle the craftt and pñte of the same as by a bille of the pcels more openly is shewed	ñ. xliij s. iiij d.
Itm paide for the ingrocyng and wrytyng of this Accompte	ij s.
Sm to ^t of alle these paiement ^e	vij ð. vj s. jd. oß.
M^d that Thomas Jakson Richard magson and Willm Chalke Wardyns of the Bretherhed of Saynt Mighell tharchaungell haue delyu ^d ed the xiiij day of may a ^o rr E iiij ^{ti} xiiij ^o Into the handes of oure Maistres Willm Crowde Thomas langtot Nicholas Walker and John Cardenall to the ayde and help of the Charge of o ^r Corpacoñ as a lone of the box of Saynt Mighell	xxx s.

The cost of obtaining the Company's charter of incorporation (described in the records as the "livelihood" or "corporacion") pressed heavily upon the funds, and the Yeomanry were called upon to help by a loan of thirty shillings from the common box of their fraternity, whose proper style, as given in the accounts of the Yeomanry, was the Fraternity of St. Michael the Archangel, kept or holden by the brothers of the craft or mystery of Pewterers within the City of London. The history of the Yeomanry and its Fraternity is of especial interest, and will be fully treated of in later pages.



From the Company's first Charter, 20th January, 1473.

CHAPTER II.

The Incorporated Company.

WITH the grant of their first charter by King Edward IV on the 20th January, 1473, in the thirteenth year of his reign, the Company of Pewterers entered upon its legal existence as a corporation. The charter is a finely written document in Latin, still preserved in the Company's archives. It consists of a single vellum sheet 25 by 19 inches with a handsome floriated border and initial letter (*see above*). Licence is given to Peter Bushop, William Large and Thomas Langtofte, Freemen of the Mistery of Pewterers, to found to the honour of God and of the Virgin Mary, a Fraternity or perpetual Guild of one Master, two Wardens and Commonalty of the Freemen of the Mistery of Pewterers, dwelling within the City of London or the suburbs thereof, and of the Brothers

and Sisters of the Freemen of the same Mistery, and of others who of their own pleasure are willing to be of the same Fraternity or Guild within the City of London. The said Master, Wardens and Commonalty shall form one corporate body, with power to acquire and hold lands, tenements, rents, services, &c., and shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, and power to plead and be impleaded. Power is granted to the Commonalty or Freemen of the Mistery, to elect whensoever they will and according to their own ordinance, one Master and two Wardens to carry on the business of the aforesaid Mistery, Fraternity, or Guild. The Master and Wardens are empowered to govern the said Mistery, and all men occupying the same, and all servants, stuffs, workmanships, and merchandizes belonging to it within the City and its suburbs, and to correct the defects according to their discretions. The Master, Wardens and Commonalty may make ordinances for the government of the Mistery as often as they please. The Master and Wardens may have a Search and government of all manner of workmanships and merchandizes belonging to the Mistery wrought and exposed to sale within the City and suburbs and in any other places throughout England, with power to correct defects. Further power is given to the Master and Wardens to seize and carry away as forfeited all deceitful and unjust workmanships and merchandizes, which in their searches they find exposed to sale wrought to deceive the people. Of such forfeitures, one moiety is to be converted to the use of the Crown, and the other moiety to the use of the Mistery, the offenders to be punished at the discretion of the Master and Wardens. All Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Stewards and other officers whatsoever within the City and suburbs, and in other places where search is made, are strictly commanded to be overlooking, counselling, and assisting to the Master and Wardens, the Statute of Mortmain or any other statute, act, or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding. In witness whereof King Edward the Fourth caused these his Letters to be made Patent. Witness himself at Westminster, the twentieth day of January, in the thirteenth year of his reign. [See facsimile illustration.]

The powers granted under this charter enabled the Company to hold the trade in full control for the benefit of the public and also of the craft. The provision which enabled persons unconnected with the trade to

become freemen with full privileges is worthy of note, as it strongly confirms the view previously put forth in these pages that the Fraternity was originally a semi-religious and social institution, its connection with the pewterer's craft being secondary and subsequent probably to the foundation of the guild. This careful reservation by royal charter of the rights of outsiders to membership of a Company of craftsmen points to a custom which must at least have been of long standing.

1473-4. Following the heading of the account of this year is this entry "**W^d** that Thomas Haryson stondyth for Solyst'." The Company were in the habit of engaging the services of a standing legal adviser, but he does not appear under the name of Solicitor except in this instance. The term may, however, have a different meaning here. Harrison figures next year as one of the principal Searchers in country parts.

The receipts for this year include the amount of an assessment upon the "Howsholdars Brthern for the cost of the Corporacyn' of the Craft." There are 39 contributors of sums varying from 3*l.* to 2*s.*, the total amount received being 3*l.* 6*s.*

Rescep^o Bid of Butsyd gentillmā for the iij pecē of fauty tynne . . . xxx s.

Mr. Butsyd is described in a later entry as Receiver of Cornwall. He appears to have been an agent for the Company, and may also have been an officer connected with the Stannaries.

J^m Delyu^oed vnto oure brethern þat dyned nat at the Shyrvys for þ^r brekfast ij s.

J^m payd to Wyllm Suthfoke bedyll for the half yere xij s. iiij d.

J^m payd for iij vnçē & ði q^o [3¾ oz.] of Syluer for the Comen Sealle x s. v d.

J^m payd for the gravyng and makyng of the Seall vj s. viij d.

The Seal is circular, 1⅞ inches in diameter, and now weighs 3½ ounces (*see* illustration on next page). It bears the arms of the Company, and on either side a lily-pot, with the inscription SIGILLV. FRATERNITATIS. MISTERE. DE. PEAVTERES. I. CE. LOD. This was the ancient device borne by the Craft, and was adopted in honour of their Patroness, the Virgin Mary. The price of silver is seen by the above entry to have been just below 3*s.* an ounce.

Itm payd to Wyllm large for the Costs of the Corporacyon
 xlj li. xvij s. viij d.
Itm payd for the koffyn that þ^e Corporacyon lyith in iij s.

This expenditure was for a box or chest for the new charter.

Itm payd for the Rydyng of wyllm Chambleyn to Chelmyford iij days
 vs. xj d.



Ancient Seal of the Company.

This is the first recorded country search. The Chamberlayns were prominent members of the Craft. Robert Chamberlayn, perhaps the father of William, was entrusted with the monetary negotiations for procuring the Charter. He appears in the list of the Craftsmen in 1452 (p. 24) as employing a large number of workmen and apprentices, was Upper Warden in 1452 and 1456, and Master in 1458 and 1466. He died probably in 1478.

Itm payd to a Soper [supper] for a peauterere of Wellys and Covyntre
 & oþ^r ij s. viij d.

The Company's control over their trade under their newly obtained Charter extended through all England. This brought them into contact with pewterers in distant parts of the country. The above entry shows that however strict the Company might be in conducting their search for false or unworkmanlike wares, they were not unmindful of the rites of hospitality.

Item payd for the making of gret boke w^t ij klaspys ij s. iiij d.

Item paid for the writyng of oure Corporacion in Engelysshe ij s. vj d.

Item payd for a nother that Watts had in to the Westcontre in Englyssh xvj d.

These copies of the Charter were required as evidence of the right to search in places out of London.

Item paid to Stevyn Clerke for writyng of the Corporacion & **h**^c frenshe in **h**^c Juryboke xx d.

Item payd for the expence and costis to Styrbyrg fayere iij hors xxx s. iij d. o^b.

Stourbridge, a hamlet of Cambridge, was famous for its annual fair on Michaelmas Eve, which lasted a fortnight.

An ordinance of this date, but written in a later hand, is on the third leaf of the Audit Book which begins in 1530-1 :

Here followethe a statute and ordinaunce made the firste daie of October the yere of the raigne of oure soueraigne Lorde the Kinge the xiiijth by us william Crowde Maister of the ffraternitie or gilde of the free men of the Crafte of Pewterers wthin the cittie of London and Nicholas walker and John Cardinall nowe wardens of the saide ffraternitie or gilde and by the cominaltie of the saide Crafte by there comon agremente and assente in manner and forme that ensueth.

Where the moste gracious and Excellente prince Kinge Edwarde the iiijth by his letters pattent^e bearinge date the xxth daie of Januarie the xiiijth yere of moste noble raigne, hath graunted and given licence to his beloued liege men Peirs Bishop, william Large and Thomas Langtofte free men of the Crafte of pewterers wthin the cittie of London That they or anye of them mighte make, founde, and establishe, a fraternitie or gilde of a master and two wardens, and of the comynaltie of the fremen of the crafte afforesaide And the same fraternitie or gilde so made, founded, and established, The saide master, wardens and comynaltie amongst all other thinges to make ordinaunces and constitutions at there pleasure for the good rule and gouernaunce of the saide Crafte, vnder certen manners and forme in the saide tres pattent^e specified The whiche fraternitie or gilde is by the saide Peirs, william Large and Thomas

made, founded and established in due forme after the Effecte and vertue of the saide letters pattent ϵ As in there dede therevpon made more plainlie maie Appere. Wherevpon we the saide nowe master wardens and cominaltie for the greate weale tranquillytie good rule and reste to be had in the saide Crafte, and to put awaie and amove debate, rancor, dissention and discorde hereafter happelye to be moved and had w^{ch} god forbitt, do make and ordeyne by vertue and auctoritie of the saide tres pattent ϵ . That the maister and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge and other tenne parsons of the worshipfulleste discretest wisest and vnwilfulleste fremen of the saide crafte chosen by vs that is to saie, A B: C D: E ff: G H: I K: have full power and auctoritie to make all statutes ordinaunc ϵ and constitucions from henceforthe concerninge the weale prosperitie and good rule and governaunce of the saide crafte, and to adde and demynishe in that behalfe after there wisdomes and discretions. And that all suche statut ϵ ordinaunces and constitucions so made by them be as good effectuall and of as greate force and strengthe as they had ben made by vs the saide master, wardens and comynaltie, or by the master wardens and cominaltie of the saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge wthoute anye grudge or intervpc o n to be made in that partie. And he of the same crafte that as ofte attemptethe the contrarie forfeicte and paie to the master and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge to thuse of the same fraternitie or gilde vjs viijd and to paie the same wthoute delaie vpon paine of xx s ymediatlie when the saide forfeite of vjs viijd be asked by the saide m^r and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde or by anye of them for the tyme beinge. Also we the saide m^r wardens and cominaltie by the saide auctoritie make and ordeyn y^t when it shall happen any of y^e saide ten men hereafter to die or decease, That then y^e maister & wardens of y^e saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge, and those of the saide ten men that ouerliveth him or them that so dieth or deceaseth choose another or others of the saide crafte after ther discretion & wisdom in y^e place of him or them that So happeneth to die or decease as is beforesaide. And if it happen hereafter the saide m^r & wardens of the

saide fraternitie or gilde or anye of them to be chosen of the saide number of ten parsons as is aforesaide chosen Then his or there laste pdecessor or predecessors in the saide office m^r and wardens or anye of them not beinge of the said number of ten stande still in the saide number of xiiij. So alwaies that the number of xiiij be kepte, and that the maister and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde alwaies be iij of the saide number of xiiij.

1474-5. The accounts now show abundant evidence of the vigorous use which the Company made of the legal and extended right of search which they possessed under their new charter, both in London and the country, at the great fairs and at the shops of individual craftsmen.

J^m res^o in the mōthe of Nouēb by J^e hands of wyllm wilbey whan he Rode into northfok Suthfok & Essex to serch v li.

Other searches made by Wilbey and others this year in the West Country, Yorkshire, Somersetshire, Derbyshire, and other districts, produced receipts amounting to 15*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* This probably represents one half of the value of the metal seized as fraudulent, the other moiety being the King's due. Besides the detection and seizure of dishonest wares these searches resulted in the enrolment of many country pewterers as brethren of the Company.

J^m resceyvid of Raynold Chyrche belfoundare of Bury vj s. viij d.

J^t Rs^o of John Brokyng brasyer of Braynford in pty for etres iij s. iiij d.

J^t Rs^o of Nycholas Hylton of Cambryge brasyare in pty fore entres x s.

J^t Rs^o of Lambard Snell brasyar in pty fore his enteres xx s.

J^t Rs^o of wyllm kerkeby brasyere of Cauntbury fore his holle enteres xx s.

With the above entries are similar ones of the admission of many other country pewterers from Coventry, Leicester, Boston, Burford, Brentford, Nottingham, Cambridge, "Oxenford," Canterbury, Lincoln, Taunton, Exeter, Southampton, Salisbury, Winchester, Bristol, Chichester, Reading, etc. A list of thirty-two names follows the "Receipts" side of the account, and is headed "**These** ben the brethren that ben of the Contre. Sworn to the kyng & J^e Craft." The usual entry fee of 6*s.* 8*d.* was at this time increased to a minimum of 10*s.*

J^m paid vnto vmferey Sterkey Recordare for his advice fore **h^c** corporacyon iij s. iij d.

J^m paid at **h^c** Tavarn for owre brekfast w^t **h^c** Recordare xj d.

The Recorder's advice was doubtless sought with reference to the confirmatory charter which the Company obtained or sought to obtain from the King. This instrument appears only on foll. 5b-6b of the second Audit Book, and immediately precedes the account for 1530-1. It is granted by King Edward IV at Westminster, and dated 4th November in the 14th year of his reign. Its tenor is exactly similar to the later confirmatory charter of the same monarch granted on 14th April in his 18th regnal year, 1478 (*see* p. 52). The present document is not signed, and may be only the draft of a charter which was never granted. Humphrey Starkey was elected Recorder in 1471-2; he became Serjeant-at-Law in 1478, and Chief Baron in 1484. In 1486 an obit for his soul and the soul of his wife Isabella was provided by Thomas Lok, of London, chaplain, citizen, and skinner.

J^t paid fore the Corporacyon wrytyng in Englysshe xvj d.

J^t fore **h^c** Corporacyon wrytyng in Englysshe w^t the Relese of iij sealis ij s.

J^t paid to John Tyllare fore the wrytyng of the Corporacyon in laten & Englysshe in the gret boke iij s. iij d.

The following entry throws some light upon the composition of "Fine Pewter" as described in the Ordinances of 1348. The proportion of brass to tin is the same as that of lead to tin for "Vessels of Tin," as the Lay metal ware is there termed, viz., 26 lbs. to the cwt.

J^m for a quartorn[?] wyght of tynne & vj lb̄ ði of Copure to make **h^c** sayis [assays] of vj s. iij d.

The regulations prohibiting the sale of wares by hawkers or any other persons than duly authorised tradesmen at their own shops or standings in fairs or markets were strictly enforced, it being the interest of all the members of the Company, on whom the various charges of citizenship fell heavily, to assist the officers of the Company in putting down these practices. Giles Lakford, who came from Ipswich, proved a troublesome customer, resenting the Company's interference and taking

the law against them. In 1477-8 the Company had to pay 36s. 6½d. "for Costes done atte yeppeswich for willia large," and in the following year the sum of 4l. os. 10d. for Large's "condempnacōn" with costs, towards which they borrowed 51s. 4d. from William Smalwode.

Jt̄ fore the wachyng of gyllis lakford & oþʳ halkers [hawkers] at Bysshopis gate xvij d.

It does not appear that the Company had up to now possessed a Hall. They hired the Refectory of the Austin Friars for their festive gatherings and rented premises there for their official use. The Company having obtained a charter and common seal urgently felt the need of a Hall both for their dignity and convenience. It was a great undertaking to which they now put their hands, and of which the following entry records the first item of expenditure. Many years were to elapse before the assessments upon the members for the site, building, and furnishing of Pewterers' Hall ceased. The elaborate details which appear in the accounts show that the Company's determination was to erect a building worthy of their position among the other guilds. The site ultimately chosen was in Lime Street, although several members were deputed to examine sites in other parts of the city.

Jtm̄ Spent by Willm̄ Wylbey whan he went fore to Seke an halle viij d.
Wylbey was the Senior Warden for this year.

Jtm̄ whan a Serteyn of the ffelauchepe of þʳ Crafte were in Colmanstret fore to have þʳ syght of an halle fore bred, drynke & Collis [coals] by Wylbey iiij d.

Jtʳ fore the syght of þʳ place in lymstret ij d.

Jtʳ paid at þʳ place in lymstret whan þʳ Crafte were the [there?] fore the setting of the kyngis money fore bred & alle xv d. oþ.

Jtʳ fore a testemonyall fore Butsyd in Cornwall xij d.

Jtm̄ fore a letere of attorney made to þʳ Resceyvere of Cornwall Thm̄ Butsyd gentilman John lewis & to wyllm̄ wattis ij s. ij d.

Jtʳ fore a letʳ of Brethered to John Brokyng iiij d.

Jtʳ fore expence don at the halle in lymstret whan þʳ kyng departid fore london in to ffrance ward & the Crafte arrayd in harneys fore warre as oþʳ Crafts were. ij s. viij d.

This was Edward IV's French expedition. The king landed at Calais in July, 1475, and demanded the crown of France, but agreed to a truce of seven years with Louis XI, who promised him a large pension. Edward returned to England on 28th September. The gathering of the Company to meet the king was at the site of their new Hall, which they had only just secured. The building was not finished till the year 1497, but a portion was ready for use in 1485-6.

Jf paid fore John Tyllare fore to have hym oute of preson by the wyll of all þ^e Crafte xv s. viiij d.

Jf paid to a kepare of ludgat to bryng þ^e said John tyllare to þ^e halle iiij d.

Ludgate was the debtors' prison of the City. Tyllar was probably the Company's clerk, as by a previous item in this year's accounts he was paid for writing the charter in Latin and English in the "gret boke." This would account for the large expenditure of 16s. "to have hym oute of preson."

Jm payd fore the Costs of John Adames man of Lynne whan he browght word to the m^r & wardens of certeyn halkars þat þ^e said John Adam desyrid to have a powere to sesse [cease, *i.e.*, make to cease] there goyng fro dore to dore & to be a brothire xij d.

Jm to John mathewe rentgaderare fore the place in lymestret fore iij q^{rt} rent xv s.

From this it appears that the Pewterers at first *rented* the site of their Hall in Lime Street, and probably made use of the existing buildings, gradually replacing them with their new Hall, which was several years in building.

M^d expencis don by Willm^m Wattis whan he rode in to the west Countre xxvij s. vj d. o^b.

Jm fore a hors for xxxix days xij s. iiij d.

Jm fore his wagis for the said xxxix days whan forfaitid xxx pec^e tynne xij s.

Other searches during this year were made by William Wilbey and William Watts into Norfolk, by William Wilbey and Thomas Haryson into Oxfordshire, Hampshire and Salisbury, by William Wilbey

and William Watts into Yorkshire, by William Wilbey and Richard Magson into the Eastern Counties, and by William Wilbey and Robert Hache into Derbyshire and Somersetshire.

It' paid ij hors to Braynford w^t wylbay and haryson for **h**^o halkere xvj d.

Itm delyu'd an indent^a of the Bayly of Chelmysford of certeyn vessell that he hathe in keypyng that is to say xij gret platis xxij midill platis xvj gret dysshis xvij midill dysshis xxviiij saucis **h**^{at} were forfaitid.

Itm an **o**^b bille indentid of Willm Ruffe vnderbayly of beuerley of xij gret plai^l vj dos' dysshis ij dos' saucerc^e iij dos' saltcellaris **h**^t were forfaitid.

Itm a bille in dentid of Richard Anable of bedford of lay metall Cast in platis & dysshis & sauc'is & saltcellars to the wyghte of iij **q**^l of an c [$\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.] forfaitid.

Itm delyu'd a box w^t all the Evydence of oure Tenement that haynys dwelith in and of the hows that Robert Chambleyn dwelithin.

The following is the first entry that relates to the marks used by the Company in their official examination of pewter vessels. As it was doubtless the fate of all vessels marked with the broad arrow to be forfeited and melted down without delay, it is not probable that any example so marked is now procurable as a treasured specimen by the collector of old pewter.

It' delyu'd a ponchon of yrn [iron] w^t **h**^o brode arowe hede fore the forfet marke.

Itm delyu'd the metall that was made aft^r the Rotme'ts [*sic* ?enrolments] wherby all th^e holoware makars shuld temp there lay metall aft' in plats Endentid xvj lb d.

M^d that heraft^r folowith the parcellis of the Tynne **h**^{at} is drossy and hard.

fferst Resceyvid of a dowchman at hattis key **h**^o xxv day of may **h**^o xv yere of kyng Edward **h**^o iijth iij pec^e tynne weying vij C vj ti.

Resceyvid of Henry Smyth Stokfysshmong^r the xx day of Juyn **h**^o yere a bouesaid ij pec^e of hard Tynne weying iij^c iij **q**^l. xxij lb.

Itm Resceyvid of Watkyn tokare iij devynysse pec^e.

Resceyvid of John Whithed in lay metall half a C xij tt

Res^d of Thomas Goode in lay metall C iij tt.

Rece of Robt Turner in fyn metall C x ff.

Rece of Nycholas Tokare in hard tynne lxx ff.

Rece in vessell that kam fro Colchestere xxviiij ff.

Rece of John a Colleen v pyntte weyng viji ff.

Leffe in h^e hands Robt hardyng Goldsmyth ij pecē Cornyssh tynne.

leffe in h^e hands of willm Gefferey haburdasshare j devynyssh pecē.

leffe in h^e hands of Richard Chaury salt ij pecē devynyssh tynne.

leff in h^e hands of John Skowe Stokffysshmog' vj Cornyssh pecē.

leff in h^e hands of John paris ij pecē of Cornyssh tynne.

leffe in h^e hands of h^e bayly of Chelmysford in vessell C d [$1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.].

leff in h^e hands of h^e Shireff of Southhampton ij cornyssh pecē.

leff in h^e hands of h^e bayly of Brygwa ij devynyssh pecē.

1475-6. **Jtm** payde for costs at the popyshede [Pope's Head] whan the man of Couentre was there w' other of the felychip .iiij s. vij d.

Jtm for dressyng of the same mete & for ffrewts viij d.

Jtm payde for Costs whan Willm of lynne was made fremā viij d.

Jtm payde for a dyn' at vyncentys whan the man of Bristow was there w' dyu'se other of the ffelychip vij s. x d.

John Vincent was the Junior Warden and Accountant this year. His senior colleague was John Whitehead, and their journeys on "search" in various counties cost *9l. 6s. 11d.*, realising in forfeited ware the sum of *11l. 15s. 8d.*

Jtm payde for a pyke & other ffysch at a dyn' xxij d.

The repasts mentioned in the above entries for the entertainment of the Coventry man, William of Lynn, and the man of Bristol took place probably in the summer, judging from the fish and fruits which composed the bill of fare. The hospitality was doubtless intended to smooth the way of the Search officials when visiting those distant places.

Jtm for the hire of ij horse on may day to Chelmysford & so forthe to bery [Bury] to Thetford Newmarket Chambryg & to Bassyngbo'ne for to delyu the ware to a karyour [carrier] wich was forfet at Thetford by the space of x dayes for horse hire vij s. vj d.

Item for a man ys wagis by the space of xxix dayes takyng eūy day iiij d. Sm̄ ix s. viij d.

The above payment was for assistance in the search.

And that the xix day of Decem̄br in the yere of the reygne of the kyng Edward the iiijth the xvjth All the Worschupfull hole body of the Craft of peauterers of this Worshipfull Cite of london haue graunt & bounde them selfe & theyre successo's hereaft^r to cū to pay to the ffraternite & gylde of the same of eūy dosen garnesch of rowgh vessel letyn to hyre aft^r Cristmas day next comyng j d. to the mayntenaunce of the sayde ffraternite and that to be payde vpon eūy man ys othe ons a q̄rt^r vn to the mayst^r & wardeyns of the sayde Crafte for the Tyme beying where of the sayde m̄ & wardens vppon theyre othe they schall geue a trew a Count ons a yere vn to the felyship.

This note throws light upon the relations between the Craft of Pewterers and its associated Fraternity or Gild. These two institutions clearly consisted at this period of the same body of persons acting in different capacities. The Master and Wardens of the Craft were the treasurers of the Fraternity, but the accounts were evidently kept separate from those of the Craft, although there is no indication of this in the Audit Books.

1476-7. **Item** receyved of Robt Turnour for a fyne of late comyng to h^e hall xij d.

Item receyved of dyvers men of the Crafte for the Watche atte Saint petirs tyde iij s.

This was the Marching Watch, which was held on Midsummer Eve and resumed six days after, on the eve of St. Peter's Day, 29th June. On this day the old ten days' celebration of the great summer festival came to an end. The cressets carried by the Watch and the bonfires which were lighted, are undoubtedly relics of the sun worship (at the summer solstice) which came down from Saxon times. In 1510, King Henry the Eighth came to the City to see the Watch, and was so pleased that he came again on the eve of St. Peter's Day.

These bene the receyts of the sayd accomptants of the felasship from the fest of Cristemas the xvj yere of the Regne of kyng Edward the iiijth

vnto the fest of midsomer next suyng as for money by the hole body of the Crafte graunted for the Worship of the sayde Crafte that is to sey of every doseyn Garnyssh for the fest vessell j d. as it appereth by the names here after folowing.

ffirst John parys .	Robt fforster . . . xxj d.
Thomas heryson ij s. iiij d.	Robt Turnour . . . xij s. iiij d.
William Sexteyn . . . xj d.	Willm Chalke . . . xx d.
John Whitehede . . . xij d.	John Grene
Piers Bysshop . . . vj d.	William Assh . . . xix d.
Willm Crowde	Willm Watte . . . iiij d.
Thomas langtofte . . . x s.	Beatrice Eyre
William Smalwode xviiij d.	Agnes Chalke . . . vj d.
John Vyncent	John Whityng . . . vj d.
William Wylby . . . x d.	Willm Elys . . . x d.
John Coldham	Draytons wyfe . . . vj d.
William large . . . ij d.	henry Stapilherste
Nicholas Walker	John Snaylam . . . x d.
John Cardynall . . . v d.	John Coke
Stephen Todde	William Whitman . . . xij d.
Thomas Rysby	John Robert . . . j d.
Everard Newchirch	Willm Randolf . . . ij d.
Thomas Jakson xviiij d.	Thomas maryot
Thomas Dunton . . . xv d.	John pecok
Thomas Gode . . . v d.	John mylys
Richard kyrke . . . ij d.	Richard Bolt . . . iiij d.
John Sawge . . . iiij s.	John Broūn
Walter Walssh	John lecheford
Thomas Alisaundre vj d.	Willm pecok . . . vij d.
Thomas Nassh . . . xx d.	Willm Chamberleyn . . . j d.
Richard magson . . . xxiiij d.	John Cave . . . iiij d.
Robt mounteyn	Robert hurlond

Sum of the fest vessell lij s. v d.

The sums paid by the members vary from 12s. 4d. to 1d., a large number of the brethren making no contribution. The list of payments in the following year contains different contributors and widely

differing amounts; the heading varies as follows: "That is to say of euŷy doŷ garnysshed of ffeŷt vessell letten jd. by the hole body of the Craft gūnted as it apperethe by the names here after ffolowyng." Amounts run from 5s. to 3d. "Sm^a xjs. v d."

A garnish of pewter consisted of twelve dishes, twelve plates, and twelve small platters. All the well-to-do members of the trade kept a stock of "feast vessels," which they lent on hire to noblemen and other wealthy persons, and to public bodies for use at great banquets. This was a source of considerable profit, the pewterers helping each other when an extraordinary demand was made upon their resources. At these great feasts a remarkably large quantity of pewter was employed.

Jfm expended atte montokks Barbour vpon dyvers of the felasship iiij d.
Jfm payed to the ffryer Augustines for easement of the halle for a yere iiij s. iiij d.
Jfm payed for jaketts for the watchemen [on St. Peter's eve] xvj s.
Jfm payed for Coles atte the friers the last wynter iiij d.
Jfm payed atte Barthm' ffeyre in herryes sones bothe [Harrison's booth] vpon peawtrers of the Contre [no amount].

Thomas Harrison was the Upper Warden this year.

1477-8. **Jfm** Receyued of Robt Turno' for a fyne of late workyng vj d.
Jfm receyued of John Whitehed for a fyne for ware not sene xij d.
Jfm Receyued of John Randesfeld Sergeaunt for his entrees xx s.
Jfm paide for a potte bought of the fflemmyng atte to' hill [Tower Hill] to prove his metell vj d.
Jfm paide for a Saler bought atte harbarugh ffayire to prove the metell iij d.
Jfm spent on Richard aprice atte tyme of the Serching of the fflemmyng iiij d.
Jfm paide for a litill blakke boke iij d.
Jfm paid Clifford Scriven^r for to serch for oure evidences of the teñte in the Jury bitwene the Priour & Cōvent of Chiksand and vs xij d.
Jfm paide for oure dyner whan the mayre had cōmaundid vs to h^e Count^r iiij d.

Item paide for oure bedde by ij nyghts viij d.
Item paide to the Maires ſgeaunt and entryng of the Suerties xx d.
Item spent atte Mairemaide in bredstrete for a brekfast whan william large
 was fette out of the Counter xvj d.

It is not clear what the Master and Wardens had done to deserve to be sent by the Mayor to the Compter. Perhaps they had taken the law into their own hands in their dispute with the Prior of Chicksand about the house in the Jewry. It seems more probable, however, that the trouble arose through the Company's searches, unless the incident was a sequel to the dispute with Giles Lakford the hawker. William Large, the Senior Warden, lost no time after his release in setting out armed with the fullest authority for another round of country searches.

Item paide by william large for a patent w^t a writte in the same cōmaund-
 yng the kyngs officers thurgh England to doo it to be pclamed w^{yn}
 eūych of there Bayliwicks xxxvj s. viij d.

This is the second charter granted to the Company by King Edward IV on the 14th April, 1478, in the eighteenth year of his reign. The original is a Latin document, in the Company's possession. The King recites and confirms his previous charter of 1473 (*see pp. 37-8*), and in addition, lays stringent commands upon all mayors, sheriffs, bailiffs, stewards, and other officers whatsoever, to publish, proclaim, and make known in their bailiwicks his letters patent and all the matters contained in them. These officials are also ordered to permit the Company to make free use of their right of search and to assist them in the same when required.

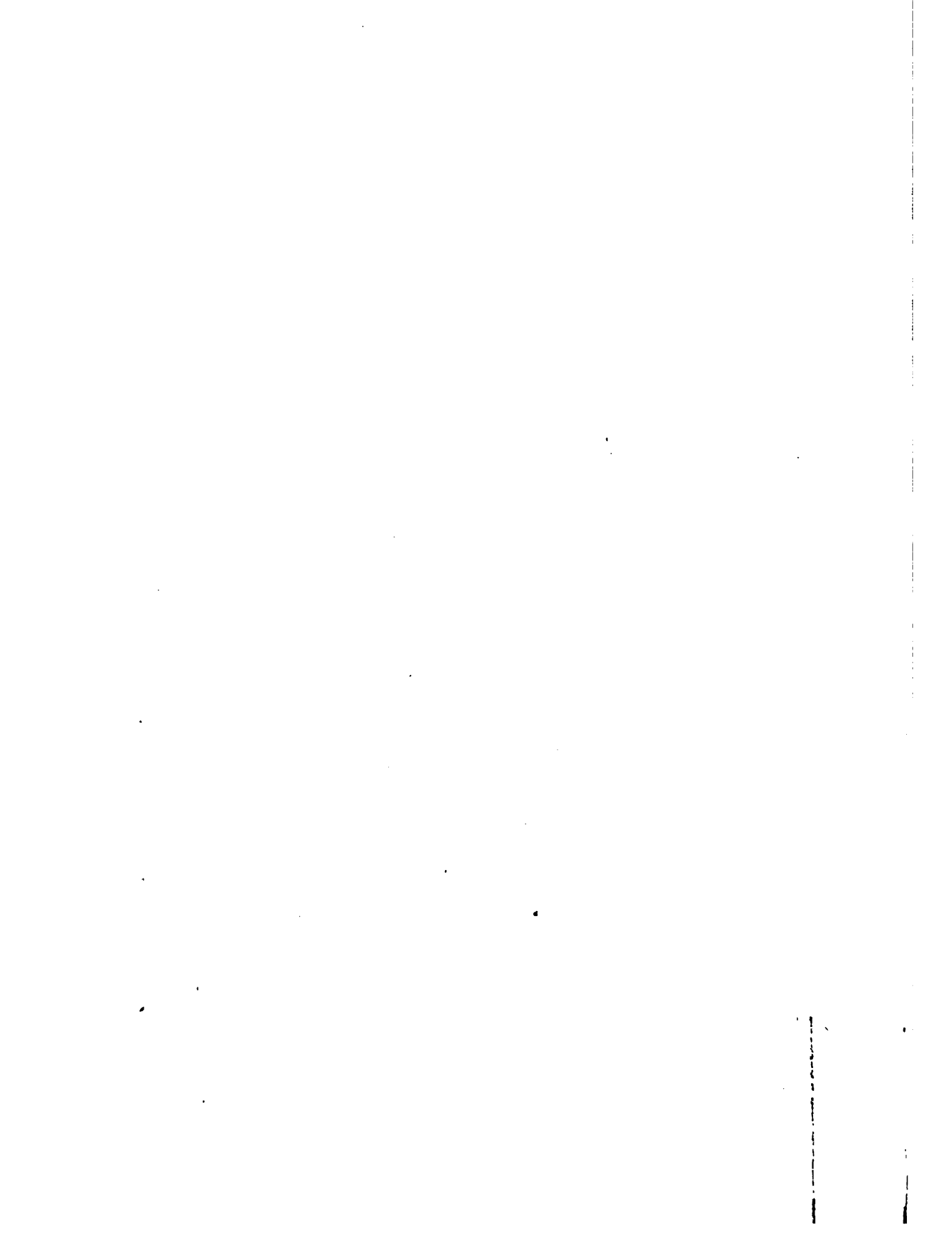
Item paide by william large for settingforth of the Patent Sealed w^t grene
 wax and a grete boke the which hadde ben in the Yeldhall by þ^e
 space of ij yer' & a half xl s.
Item paide by Th Jakson and Ri^d magson for pclamng the patent in
 Reigate & lewes xx d.

The inventory for this year contains the following three entries :

Item a Cloth for the Ewry bord contenyng ij yerdes & half.
Item delyu'ed a plate of lay metell Endented made after thenrolements
 whereby all the holow ware makers shuld temp their lay metell.



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This was a standard kept at the Hall for the inferior quality of pewter known as "lay" metal. The term was probably employed to denote all pewter made with an alloy or "alay" of lead. (See the Ordinances of 1348, page 3.)

Itm in Sadware fforfeited lxj lb.

Sadware may mean "sayed," *i.e.*, assayed ware, which would be forfeited only on account of faulty workmanship.

1478-9. **Itm** receyued of Robt Turnour that he was awarded by arbitrement to bryng in for certeyn offenses by hī done xxij s. iij d. to be depted [departed, *i.e.*, divided] half to the Chambre of the Guyld-hall of London and **h' o^b** half to the said crafte xj s. viij d.

Robert Turnor was a very prosperous member of the Craft, judging from his contributions, but was constantly giving trouble by his misdemeanours. In 1487-8 it was found necessary to arrest him, and in 1491-2, when Warden, he was fined 40s. for a dispute with the Master and the other Warden.

Itm paide for a pike given to Maistre William Donthorne **h' iij^e** day of mch a^o xix^o xx d.

William Dunthorn was the Common Clerk of the City at this time; his name is preserved in "Liber Dunthorn," a compendium of City law which he prepared and presented to the Corporation, and which still remains amongst the City archives.

Itm paide to John Armerers wiffe for half a q^{r^t} wages endyng on Saynt Martynes day in wyn^t w^t the grots [groats] gaderd atte Cristmasse a^o xvij^o iij s.

John Armurer was the Beadle of the Company. St. Martin's Day was 11th November.

Itm spent atte poppes hedd in lumbardstrete vppon the ffelauship
xxiiij s. ix d. ob.

1479-80. **Itm** Receyved for iij quartrons & xiiij lb of fyne metall after xxvijs. the C. Sm^a xxij s. vij d. ob. *Itm* for xlviij lb. of lay atte j d. ob. the lb Sm^a vj s. The which metall was lefte in Smalwodes house that belonged to the Crafte. xxix s. vij d.

The price of fine metal, 27*s.* per cwt., was nearly double that of "lay," which was only 1½*d.* per lb, or 14*s.* per cwt.

¶ that piers bysshop, Willm Smalwod, Thomas alyshawdyr mad a ward by twexste willm welby and willm Sextyn for setting a worke of john hamond beyng Sextyn⁹ couand man that weby shold pay iiij*s.* iiij*d.* that is for to sey xx d. to crafte and xx d. to Sextyn toward his cost ou^o payd.

¶ payde to the Bargemen for a barge and theire laboure with other costes whan my lady margaret went oversea xij s.

Margaret of Anjou, the Queen of Henry VI, was niece of Louis XI, King of France, and after the failure of the Lancastrian cause, was kept by Edward IV in honourable captivity at London, Windsor, and Wallingford. After the alliance between Louis XI and Edward IV, established by the Treaty of Picquigny, she was ransomed by Louis on 2nd October, 1475, for 50,000 gold crowns. She left England for Rouen on 29th January, 1476, and spent the remainder of her days in France, where she died in 1482.

1480-1. A collection was made from the brethren of the Company "toward the making of ij newe streamers to the vse of the Crafte." The contributions amounted to 3*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, and included 5*s.* 6*d.* "receyved among the Bachelers or Yeomanry."

In the list of payments of quarterage is the entry "of John Parys in fletestrete xij d." This is, unfortunately, almost the only instance which can be found of the addition of the place of business in the various lists of the brethren of the Company.

¶ payed to an herode [herald] of Armes for shewyng of the Armes of the Crafte vj d.

¶ payed for a bundell of Resshes to ley in the barge ij d.

¶ it Remembred that William Smalwode hath yeven atte his owne ppre cost to the sayde Crafte a fayre Baner of the hole Armes of the same Crafte.

This banner and two streamers were for decorating the barge in the water pageants and the Company's stand when they gave their attendance at processions.

These bene the payments mayde by the sayde mayster and wardeyns for the making of the sayde ij Stremers and other necessaries therto belongyng

ffirst payed for Sarsynet for the sayde Stremers	xvj s.
Jfm payed for freng to the same	vij s.
Jfm payed to the payntour for payntyng	xxxj s. viij d.
Jfm payed for bokeram to the sayde Stremers	vij d.
Jfm payed to the peyntours wyfe for sowyng	xvj d.
Jfm payed for ij staves for the sayde Stremis	ij s. ij d.
Jfm payed for a cofyn [chest] for the sayde Stremis	xij d.
Jfm payed for ale	ij d.
Sm	iiij li xj d.

1481-2. **Jfm** Receyved of the iiij dayes men that were Arbitrours bytwene Willm Smalwode, Whitehede, and Jakson in the xj day of Marche the xxij yer^o of the Regne of kyng Edward the iiijth xxj s. viij d.

This sum was the fine ordered by the "dayes men" or arbitrators to be paid to the Company by the party adjudged to be in the wrong.

Jfm payed the xx^{ti} day of ffeverer in the xxi^{ti} yer^o of kyng Edward iiijth to Willm Crowde for the Rydyng ayens the kyng whan he come from be yonde the see and for ware that he hadde in the howse of Whitehede xv s.

Edward IV again landed in France in consequence of the refusal of Louis XI to abide by the treaty of 1475.

1482-3. **Jfm** bought xj peces of tyn weiyng xxxj C xiiij ff atte xxiiij s the C Sm^a xxxvij li. vij s. and **þ** of solde to oon man iij pec^e weiyng viij C iij q^a xxvj ff atte xxvj s. iiij d. the C Sm^a xj li. xvj s. vj d.

Jfm sold to an o^þ man a pece weiyng iij C vij ff atte xxvij s. the C Sm^a iiij li. ij s. viij d.

Jfm sold a pece of tyn weiyng ij C d C xxiiij ff atte xxvij s. the C Sm^a iij li. xiiij s.

Jfm sold a pece for redy money weiyng ij C viij ff atte xxv s. viij d. the C Sm^a liij s. ij d. [Three other parcels follow.]

Jfm bought vj C of tyn atte xxij s. the C Sm^a vj li. xij s. Sold the same vj c for xxij s the c. Sm^a vj li xvij s.
the Encrease of all this tyn iiij li. xij d.

This was a profitable way of investing the balance on the Company's yearly account, and a convenience to the brethren who purchased the tin of the Company. The practice previously was to lend on interest to members of the livery any sums that could be spared. The price charged for the tin as above varied from 23s. to 27s. per cwt., the difference being doubtless due to varying quality and allowance for cash payment.

Jfm receved of John Wright for a fyne of late workyng xij d.
ffirst paide for Cariage of xj pecç of tyn out of ffletestrete ix d.

This was probably from the house of John Paris.

Jfm spent on William West Rentgaderer to þ^e said Prio^r [of Chicksand] to ou'see [oversee] the Repacon̄s of our house and to be ffrendly
ix d. oð.

Jfm given to the said William a basyn þc [price] xij d.

Jfm paide to v men to Ride ayenst the kyng 1 s.

Richard III having resolved to seize the throne was anxious to secure the support of the citizens of London. Dr. Ralph Shaw, the brother of Sir Edward Shaw, Lord Mayor, set forth the Protector's claim to the crown in a sermon at Paul's Cross, on Sunday, 22nd June, 1483. The Duke of Buckingham addressed the citizens at Guildhall on 24th June to the like effect, and induced them to join in a deputation of the Lords and Commons to Richard at Baynard's Castle on 26th June, to invite him to become king. The petition was received and the Protector, assuming the title of Richard III, rode in state as king to St. Paul's, "and was received there with great congratulation and acclamation of all the people."*

Jt̄ paid in labouryng for the Restreynt of tyn in þ^e pliamēt tyme oū [over] þ^e xv s. vj d. given toward þ^e same xlvi s. ix d.

Following the account for 1482-3 is the ensuing curious ordinance written in a hand as uncouth as the spelling and composition. It fixes

* Parker's *Annals of England*, Oxford, 1856, ii, 93-4.

the charge for workmanship of certain wares at 8s. the cwt. and of others at 7s. The 4d., 3d. and 2d. ware would seem to be articles sold at such prices per pound.

Knowing. bi. vs. all. Wirssipfull householders and okepeers [occupiers] of the Craffte of pewtrers of the Cetee of london howe that the seyde householders and okepeers was warned ther upon assemled affore. Thomas. hareson. maister of the seyde Craffte. and John vyncent. and Water Walsh Warddeynes. the xxx day of Januarij the ffhirste yere of h^e Reingne of kyng. Rechard th^e iij. In present of h^e seyde maist^r and warddeynes and also being there present. Wyllm smalwud. Wyllam sexteine. Wyllam Wylby. steven Todd. Thomas Downton. Rechard macson Thomas Alisawnder Wyllam Elise. Wyllam Chalke. wyth h^e substans of h^e other parsones of h^e seyde Craffte stablysshed and eu^y parsones Greabull that h^e wurkemanssip. of eu^y. C. h^e is to sey. Normandy potts potell quarte and peingte and Trowped saler is sartyfied h^e C. wurkemanssip. at viij s. and whoo ssoo eu^y [whosoever] be ffownde doing h^e contrary. ffynabyll. by h^e dysscression of h^e maist^r & h^e warddeines of h^e seyde. Craffte ffor h^e yere being. And also hit is sertefied by all h^e hole asent that h^e C. Wurkemässip of howssold potts. potell. quarte. and peingte. and mesure potts. Gallon. potell. quarte & peingte and halfe peingte. and stope potts. and salt saler^r of h^e iiij d. ware and. iij d. ware & ij d ware at. vijs. and so to be wurkemanly wrought. upon peyne aforsayde also. hit is sertefiede by all the hole asent of seyde maist^r and wardeines and h^e ffelesip of h^e seyde Craffte h^e no parsones nor parsones sshall not pay ffor h^e C. wurkemanssip of Tanggard potts but affter h^e Rate of viij s h^e C. upon peine aforsayde. Also hit is Grauntted h^e same day at h^e ffreer Aussteynes in oure assi^mett [assembly] by all h^e ffelesip of h^e seyde Craffte h^e no parsones nor parsones shall not make nor do to make no maner of ware w^t noo. holoware. man. maker of h^e contre. ffro this tyme ffor warde upon peyne of his ffhyne set by h^e dysscression of h^e seyde maist^r & wardeines. aforseid. And God saue kyng. Rechard.

Another writer has put his pen through "Rechard" and inserted "the" before "kyng."

1483-4. The Company did not allow much grace for payment of arrears of quarterage or even of fines for opening shop. If payment was not forthcoming in money the goods of the delinquent were promptly seized. The list of payments of quarterage for this year contains the following :—

Wyllam Watts xij d. Stres for his quartrage ij pecis an erde dyssh a grete salt saler weing v ti and a quartern.

Wyllam Olyffe xij d. Stres for his Entres vj grete platers & x dysshis counfete weing xxx ti.

Robard Thurlond. Stres ffor his Entres & a yere quartrage ij bras potts weing xxvj ti.

Jñ payed ffor sarteayne of þ^e ffellesip whan þ^e meire Receued þ^e kyng oute of the Weste Cuntre xxiiij s. iiij d.

This was the triumphal entry of Richard III into London on his return from suppressing the Duke of Buckingham's rebellion. More than 400 liverymen of the City Companies met him on horseback in gowns of murrey. The citizens presented the king with a petition boldly announcing their resolution not to live in future under the thraldom and oppression which they had suffered during the late king's reign.

Jñ payed ffor the grene Clothe þ^e s'uyth [serveth] ffor oure Courte iiij s. iiij d.

1484-5. **Jñm** paide for bote hyre atte the Burying of the quene iiij d.

This was Anne, daughter of the Earl of Warwick, wife of Richard III. She died, after a lingering illness, on 16th March, 1485, and was buried in Westminster Abbey. Their only child, Edward, died the year before at the age of eleven years.

mð that John Paris Citezeine and peautrer of london deceassid vpon the xxvj day of Aprile in the first yer^o of the reigne of kyng Richard the iiij^d and his obit^e is kepte the xxvj day of Aprile yerely. [From Jury Book.]

Jñm paide for Brede & Ale atte þ^e burying of maister Parys v d.

Jñm paide to a prest atte the burying of the same mais^t parys xij d.

John Paris was the senior member of the Company and Master at the time of his death. His name is in the list of members of 1456-7,

and he had been Master in 1467, 1476, and 1480. He lived in Fleet Street, and left a sum of 10*l.* to the Company, which was spent in purchasing a pall or hearse cloth of cloth of gold.

Itm paide for the sight of a Cloth of gold iiiij d. o*ſ.*

Itm paide for the wrytyng of a Byll of names of the watche ij d.

Itm paide for the Rydyng Clothyng 1*s.*

Itm paide for the Burying cloth of cloth of gold iiiij *ſi.*

Itm paide to Willm Sexteyn for the fynisshyng vp of the saide burying cloth vj *ſi.*

1485-6. The accounts for this year are of exceptional interest, as they tell the story of the acquisition of the site of the Hall in Lime Street. For several centuries it has been believed that the site of the Hall with six tenements adjoining was given to the Pewterers' Company by William Smalwood, Master in 1469, 1477, 1481 and 1486, whose portrait hangs in the Court Room. Beneath the portrait, a reproduction of which serves as a frontispiece to the present volume, is an inscription stating that the Hall and tenements were bequeathed by Smalwood to the Company in 1487. The painting exhibits the costume of the early part of James the 1st's reign, but whatever may be the date of the picture, that of the inscription cannot be earlier than the 17th century. The inscription has therefore no value as contemporary evidence, though the statement is literally correct. But the bequest involved no gift, the property having been previously conveyed to Smalwood, who was the new Master, with a view to its re-conveyance to the Company under his will. This is clearly evident from the documents of title in the Company's possession, an abstract of which will be found in the Appendix. The property was purchased by the Company from one Henry Nevyll for 120*l.* (*see* the first entry on page 62, where he is wrongly called Richard), and conveyed by him to trustees on their behalf. By these trustees it was transferred to Smalwood, who bequeathed it to the Company. The formal conveyance to Smalwood took place in 1486, but the Company obtained possession of the site in 1475, and began building the Hall, some of the apartments of which were sufficiently finished to allow of a dinner being provided there for the wives in 1486. The

garden was also elaborately laid out and provided with a well and vinery. In the entries transcribed below will be seen a full view of the whole transactions connected with this important purchase of the site for the Hall, including the price paid, 120*l.*—the substantial instalment of 80*l.* being paid on completing the agreement. At the head of the page is written in a somewhat later hand "The purchas of the hall." The story is amusingly told by these entries: the care taken to obtain good advice both from Hawis and Moore, the men of law, and from the carpenter who was employed to act as surveyor, the entertainments judiciously provided for the principals and agents on both sides, and the anxiety to avoid the breaking off of what was certainly regarded as a good bargain for the Company are naively described. Although William Smalwood did not give the Hall or its site, he was yet a generous benefactor, as the next entry shows, contributing a large sum towards this great work.

first Receyuid off Willm̄ Smalwode toward þ^e byldyng of the Hall & ploure [parlour]. vj li. xij s. iiij d.

Jñ Ress of the bequest of M' John Parise be þ^e handis of Robt lytton x li.

Thes ben the namys off thē þ^e have grauⁿtyd mone to þ^e purchase of the hall. A list of 75 names and amounts follows, the contributions amounting to 45*l.* 6*s.* and varying from 12*d.* to 20*s.*

Jñ payd for a dyner at the mairis fest & feccyng in of the kyng to his coronaçōn at thom̄s Nassh howse viij s. vj d.

Henry VII was crowned on the 30th October, 1485.

Jñ payd to willm̄ large for almes be the space of a hole yere vj s. viij d.

This was the influential member of the Company who was entrusted with the duty of procuring the charter of 1473, and had so much to do with the country searches and the prosecution of hawkers.

Jñ spent on Ric^o nevell & vs whā we brak fyrst the bargayn of þ^e place iiij d. oñ.

Jñ payd to m̄ more whā we poyntyd oure byll & to m̄ hawis vj s. viij d.

Jm̄ payd to m̄ hawis & to m̄ moore whā þ^ei [they] sawe oure evidēcis first vj s. viij d.

Jñ for brede & drynk at oure comynicacōn iiij d.

- J**ṯ paid at **h**° saluta^cōn w^t nevell Brekyng **h**° suerte of **h**° ma^l ij d.
- J**ṯ paid at the secounde syght of oure evydencis or we durst do any thyng towchyng to make a bargayn vj s. viij d.
- J**ṯ paid to a carp^uter for fewyng of oure ground to be in suere of lenght & brede & buttyng to make oure evidēcis suere viij d.
- J**ṯ paid at nevellis whā we wer at dener iiij d.
- J**ṯ payd at myghter [Mitre tavern] at after none ij d.
- J**ṯ payd to **m** hawis & maister moore in paternoster Rowe whan edmūd sth^ephyns & a nodir mā of Cowncell wer ther w^t the sayd henrry nevell & lyke to have broke oure bargayn vj s. viij d.
- J**ṯ payd for oure pte in drynke ij d.
- J**ṯ payd to **m** moore & **m** hawis at powlis whan the old ffeff^os Schold knowlige afore the mayre and an aldr^mā the Dely^uid^y of ther astate to be enrollyd at **h**° hustyngys vj s. viij d.
- J**ṯ spent at diⁿ whā the old ffeff^ue had done a fore the mayr ij s.
- J**ṯ paid at **h**° popis hede & at **h**° myghter whā **m** hawis & **m** moore & fox of the maires Courte dely^uid^y oure dedis old & newe af^r they were Enrollyd in the hustyngys beyng ther **m** & wardens & **m** will^m Smalwode nowe **m** & thoms Alysaunder v s. ob.
- J**ṯ paid in ther p^sence for ther last Reward to **m** hawis & **m** moore
xij s. iiij d.
- J**ṯ^m paid to ffox for the enrollyng of oure dede & for the wryting
iiij s. vj d.
- J**ṯ paid to pker [Parker] skrevener for wryting & conveyng of oure dedis v s.
- J**ṯ payd at bull hede iiij d.
- J**ṯ payd for Box to put in all oure evydencys iiij d.
- J**ṯ paid to a preest whā maistres pis [Paris] was buryede ffor his laboure
viij d.
- This was the widow of John Paris above mentioned.
- J**ṯ paid for a quart^l coolis [$\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. of coals]. vj d.
- J**ṯ payd for ij trene [wooden] disshis a dos^s trenchours and a borthen [burden or load] of Russhis iiij d.

The pay-
ment for the
Hall.

J̄i paid to Ri^c Nevell in p^r of payment of v̄j ti. be the handis of vs iij ti.

J̄i for a rake & mone in drynke among the gardeners & for sorell
iij d. o^b.

J̄i for pchmyn [parchment] to wryte our peni mone & a bakq [bag]
to put in the same mone iij d.

These were the weekly "pennies" subscribed by each of the Brethren towards the support of the Hall.

J̄i paid for brede & ale whan all the wyfis drank first at the hall xvij d.

J̄i at j^t same tyme a galon of gode ale ij d.

The following quaint and wordy order gives a curious insight into the methods of work in use among the trade and the position and duties of journeymen.

In the Tyme of Wyllam Smallwud maistyr of the Craffete of Pewtrers and Water Walsh and Robarte Turno^r Wardeynes of j^e same Craffte Assemlyd at our hall. The xij day of desembir the ij yere of the Reingne of kyng Harry the vijth w^t all the hole ffelesipe of our seyde Craffte oute septe [except] Thomas nassh be cause of his Grete dysse Ese [disease] that he myghte not com to j^e seyde Asēmytt In that Asēmytt and Courte sso kepte beffore the seyde maister and Wardedeynes There it was opnyd and presentyd beffor the sayde Maister and Wardeynes And being there present Maist^r Sexten Maist^r hareson Wyllam Wylby Thomas Alysaunder Recharde Macson Thomas Jacson Wyllam Elyse by one Jhon Robarddys sum tyme prentyse w^t Wyllam Crowde howe that the seyde Jhon Robarddis openyd by his Trouthe be ffore All the Craffte that he is A scot born by nature where upon the seyde Maister and Wardeynes wyth all the sent [assent] of j^e ffelesip of our Craffte makyng this Rule ffor j^e seyde Jhon Robarddys that he shall ffro the day Aboue seyde shall okepy in oure Craffte w^t eu^r householdder In this manⁿ [manner] of wurke To carste To sowde to flote to shave To wpe To holde the hoke to rowe or to plane And he the seyde Jhon to have ffor his day is labur ffro the ffeste of Myghalmas day to the Anunciacō of our lady iij d by the day and ffro the Anunciacō of our lady day to myghalmas day ffolowing affter iij d. a day Also this is the Rule Grauntyd by the Maist^r & the Wardeynes w^t j^e hole sent of All j^e

fflesip that the seyde Jhon Rabardes is Jurneyman a metyt [admitted] and that the seyde Jhon shall not ffor loue nor ffor ffavo^r to o [one] man more than to anothir of the seyde Craffete but as sone as he the seyde Jhon be warned in whate plase in þ^e Craffte þ^t he wurkyth w^t all that is an house holder to yeve him ys ij days warnyng be ffor the day that he be Redy to com̄ to his wurke yif this Rule be not kepte he þ^t make deffauute the maist^r and the Wardeynes ffor the yere being sshall corecte the ffauute yif hit be ffounde in the seyde Jhon þ^t he do not his dute he to be vnder the corexcion of þ^e seyde Maist^r & Wardeynes Also hit is to vndestande the seyde Jhon Robardes is ssworn to be Trewe to Eu^y man in the Craffte th^t he wurkyth w^t all. And god save all þ^e gode doers of our Craffte.

1486-7. *Recetis* ffor Entres of the fforeyne Brethirne of the Cuntre.

Receuyd of Richard Sele Chepman in the parnesshe of Abchyrche ffor his Entres as a fforeyne brother vjs. viij d.

The “fforeyne Brethren,” that is those living outside the City boundaries, paid the same entrance fee as the rest of the brethren of the Company, the fee being now reduced to the old amount of 6s. 8d. Following Richard Sele the list includes four other chapmen and one brasier, residing in St. Giles in the Fields, Lewes, Suffolk, Canterbury, and Ware.

The list of contributions of penny money for this year is headed “THIS be the parsellis ffolowing by all the gode doers of our Craffte Graunting by the weke to the sustētacō of our hall a peny.”

It appears that the colour chosen for the Company’s livery cloth this year was violet. The usual dinners which followed the Company’s attendance upon the Sheriffs and the Mayor at Westminster were held this year at the house of William Smallwood, one of the senior brethren, but at the Company’s expense.

J^t payed ffor a paring shouyll [shovel] that Wyllam kyrke boght iij d.

J^t payed to the parnessh preiste of Seint denyce is chyrche ffor offring ffor our hall ffro the Sondag beffore seint Benet is day to þ^e sum of xvij offring days in maist^r sextenⁿ is tyme and Thoms Jacson & T. nassh iij s.

The Company having entered into possession of their Hall had now become parishioners of St. Dionis Backchurch, and became contributors to the parish assessments.

Ji payed ffor a ssupplygacō to **h**° meire ffor our ffeys [fairs] x d.

The expenses this year of the “dyrge of our brethyrne & ssysstys that is passte oute of this worlde” were for a “kyndyrkkyn of gode ale ij s.” for “a chese x d.” for “bunⁿys vj d.” and for “a Galon of Wyne ffor our sseyde potacō x d.” The last item in the payments is 39s. 3d. for carpenter’s work upon a frame for the Company’s vine. Walter Walsh, the Senior Warden and accountant, concludes his account as follows:—**S**he~~B~~ing vnto you all my Gode and loving Brethyrn as Tuchyng of all this Cosste **h**° is done ffor helpe and comfort of you and so all apou the seyde vyne I yevyde [gave] you all ffrely and God ys Blessing and myne. And God ssaue all the gode doers of our Craffte.

The expenses of laying out the garden and making a bowling alley, amounting to 21s., appear as an appendix to the account, with a further note by Walter Walsh, as follows:—**S**he~~B~~ing vnto you one of yo^r syplyste [simplest] among yoⁿ of this Cosste **h**° I haue done to the ono^r of God and of yoⁿ all apou the seyde Gardeyne as ffrely I yevyd [gave] vnto you all And God is blessing and myne And God saue all the Comenalte of our Craffte.

1487-8. **J**fm receyued of John Here for a fyne for castyng of a pece of tyn of James ostwedde not freman iiij s.
Jfm of the same John for a fyne iiij d.
Jfm receyued of William Pecke for rebukyng Robt Turno^r thelder than beyng Wardyne vj s. viij d.
Jfm paide to John pares Scrivener for drawyng and wrytyng of ij Supplicacōns to the kyng and my lord Chaunceller xij s. iiij d.
Jfm paide for botehire whan we went to grenwicch to kyng. iiij d.
Jfm spent whan we went to lamehith [Lambeth] to my lord Chaunceller ij d. o^b.
Jfm paide for makyng of a Supplicacōn for the Comon house ij s. vj d.
Jfm paide to Thomas Bayne Clerke of the pliament house to spede oure billes to be redde vj s. viij d.

Jfm paide to m̄ Kyngesmyll and Englethorp gentilmen of the temple for correctyng our bill and to be of our Counsell vj s. viij d.

Jfm paide at diūse tymes for botehire to and froo Westm̄ in the pliament tyme. ij s.

Jfm paide for a garnysshe large vessell newe fascioned Counterfeit for Maist^r Speker of the pliament weyng lxxxij ff the ff iiij d.

Sm^a xxvij s. iiij d.

The above eight entries give details of "Costs **þ**^e tyme of **þ**^e pliament," which amounted for the Session to lix s. oð. The Company were seeking parliamentary powers to suppress hawkers and pedlars, but did not succeed until 1504, when they procured the passing of a statute. The large gifts to Mr. Speaker, the Clerk of the Parliament, and other officials, "to spede oure billes" are not consonant with modern ideas.

Jfm paide for Clothyng ayenst the kyngs comyng to london iij li.

King Henry VII visited London on 3rd November, 1487, great preparations having been made by the citizens for his reception. The Mayor and Aldermen attended him on horseback in scarlet cloaks, accompanied by a retinue of servants clad in medley at the City's cost. The Livery Companies were also represented by mounted horsemen in numbers varying, according to the position of each Company, from one to thirty.

Jfm paide in earnest for a Barge to haue receyued the quene from grenewicch the said barge aft^r taken from vs iiij d.

This was the coronation of the Queen (Elizabeth, daughter of Edward IV), which took place a few weeks later, on the 25th November. The City presented her Majesty on the occasion with 1,000 marks.

Jfm paide for a wered latice sett in the galary of the hall iij s.

Jfm for Cuttyng the herbes of the knot in the gardyne. ij d.

The payment in the following year was 4d.

Jfm for the arrestyng of Roðt Turnour thelder. xij d.

Jfm ij Spones of the gifte of Walt^r Walshe and Katyne his Wiffe w^t his m̄ke [mark] & name on **þ**^e oon and on **þ**^e other Saynt Kateryne giltid weyng ij vncē & ði.

This is the first entry concerning makers' "marks" or "touches" which the books of the Company contain.

Itm of the gifte of the same Wal^l a Standisshe of peau^t a paire of golde balaunc^e and a sort [set] of Countres and a pen knyffe.

The set of counters was for the use of the Auditors in the examination of the accounts. Walsh was the Warden Accountant of the previous year, who expressed his goodwill to the Company in such homely terms. He also gave "ij diblis of Irne to set herbes and a peir^o of Sheres to clippe the knotts, together with a fourme of the length of ij fote and an half for the ende of the high table."

Itm of the gifte of William Smalwodde a maser w^t a brode bande sil^u and ou^giltid w^t a bose [boss] in the botom w^t his Armes weying viij vnc^e.

Mazer bowls were highly valued in former times. They had a deep rim of silver or silver gilt, and the boss at the bottom of the bowl was frequently a large gold or silver coin.

The following interesting list of the Crafts in their order of precedence is in the Jury Book. The order varied from time to time, as some Crafts grew into importance and others decayed, following the fortunes of their several industries. This is seen in the small supplementary list, where the Fullers, Bakers and Carpenters gain precedence at the expense of the Barbers, Saddlers, Sheremen, and others. "Mr. Butler," in whose time the latter precedence prevailed, does not appear among the Members of the Company in the records, but died perhaps before 1451, the date of the earliest Audit Book. He may perhaps have been an officer of the Company or a City official. The Pewterers take precedence as 14th.

The order for goyng of eu^y Crafte in the tym^e of sr henry Colet beyng maire of this citi of london in the iij^{de} yer of our Sou^{er}ayn lord Kyng henry the vijth [The order follows the full lengths of the columns.]

ffirst merc ^s	lethersellars	ffruterers
Grossers	hurers	hatters
Draps	vpholders	pattenmakers
ffisshmong ^s	Cordwaynners	Gray taweyers
Tayllors	Joyners	brasiers

Goldsm ^y thes	masons	wevars
Skyn ⁿ s	Carpenters	blaksm ^y thes
haberdasshers	ffletchers	bladsm ^y thes
Salters	bowyers	sporyers
vyntners	Inholders	lorymers
Irenmongers	wolmen	purcers
Scryvans [Scriveners]	plom ^e rs	Glovers
Dyers	Stacon ^s [Stationers]	
pewterers	ffounders	In ^m butlers tyme
Cutlers	paynters	pewterers
Sadlers	stayners	Cutlers
barbours	wodmongers	ffullers
armorers	Turnors	bakers
waxchandlers	Curriers	waxchandlers
Talougchandlers	pulters	Talouchandlers
Schermen	pastelers	armorers
ffullers	Cowpers	Gurdelers
Girdelers	wyermongers	botchers
bochers [Butchers]	Glasiers	Sadlers
Bakers	Tilers	Carpenters
bruers	lynendraps	Cordwayners
	ffelmongers	barbours

1488-9. **¶**tm paide for sedes to sowe in the gardyne . . . j d.
¶tm paide for herbes to set in the gardyne . . . ij d.
¶tm paide for hopyng [hooping] of our verjuys barell . . . iiij d.

This barrel, tub, or vat, as it was variously called, was in constant need of repair, and was employed probably in testing the quality of pewter. It was sometimes repaired at the Yeomanry's expense, and may have served for the general use of the Craft.

¶tm dely^ued to the same pson [parson of Seynt Deynyse] half a garnysssh of new fascioned Count^fett weiyng xxxviij ^{fl} the ^{fl} iiij d.

Sm^a xij s. viij d.

The Company having, as we have seen, paid their proper assessment to St. Dionis Backchurch, in Fenchurch Street, added a handsome gift

to the parson, whom no doubt they also entertained at their festive gatherings. He was probably Robert Myddylton, LL.D., the new holder of the benefice, to which he succeeded this year on the resignation of Robert Grettam, B.D.

1489-90. *Item* paid for Barge hire and other expns^o in the same Barge atte feccyng of my lord p^once [Prince] . . . xv s.

Item paid for botehire from london to Grenewich & to london agayn vij d.

Item paid for makyng of a Supplicacōn to be put to the kyng at Grenewiche . . . xiiij d.

The palace of Greenwich, which was restored by Henry VII, as well as that of Richmond, became his favourite residence.

Item paid for the Copy of the new begonne ordin^once for Tyn & metals . . . ij s. viij d.

Item paid for grayng of a B and an R. in a spone of the yift of Thomas a Bery . . . ij d.

The Book of Inventories begins this year. The first inventory which it contains is here printed in full, as it gives not only a list of the Company's possessions but a complete description of the earliest Hall with its many apartments and their furniture. The light thus thrown on the official and domestic concerns of the Company is interesting and cannot be obtained from any other source. The inventory was made to serve for several years by adding the acquisitions of each year.

***This is the booke of the Inuentory of the goodys songgng
to the crafte of pewterers Within the Cyte of London.***

This Inuentary apartenyng to the brethirhode of thassumpcion of our blessid lady of the Crafte of pewtrere of London was made the Vth yere of the Reingne of kyng Herry the vijth Thomas Alysandyr than maist^r. Water Walsh and John hyndsson than Wardens of the same brethirhode and crafte [1489-90].

Firste the corporacōn of the same brethirhode and crafte vndir the kynges Seal in grene Wax lokyd in a cofyn with blake ledyr.

It̄ the Comyn Seall of the same brethirhode & Crafte w^t the ymage of thassumpcōn of our blessid lady grauyn therin of syluer.

Iĥ a patent w^t a Wryte comaunding all the kynges officers hauyng gouñance in eny Cite borowgh or towne within this the kynges Reame to doo the same patent to be proclamyd as offte and when they or eny of them shalbe ther to Requyred.

Iĥ a patente of the same in White Wex and ij othyr patentys in the handis of Robard Burnell of Couyntre & Willm Awbrey of Wellis.

Iĥ certeyne Wrytyngē vndir the Seall of the pryour and couente of Chiksande concernyng the tenementē in the old Jury of London in a box clossid.

Iĥ a Release of Wilm Wylby and Stephen Tod pewtrers late infeffyd in the said tenement w^t other deceased of all theyr Ryght tytyll and Interesse ther by them made vnto Thomas Alysaunder than maist^r Thomas Jakson and John Caue than Wardenys of the same crafte & brethirhode and to their successōs for euer more.

Iĥ an Indentur[?] made by John heynys drap of the same tenementē of certeyn yeres.

It boxis w^t dyuerse euydences concernyng the pouch of the hall and tenementē of the said brethirhode & crafte sete in lyme strete of london.

Iĥ a Casked loked w^t the Jure booke and certeyn Wrytyngē a bag of ledir w^t old rolmentē wrytyn in psement an White booke of pap Ryall and a lytyll blake booke.

Iĥ a box w^t xxiiij byllys of pap and iiij obligacōns of dyūs dettour in the contre.

Iĥ ij stremers a bañ and ij bañ clothis viij pynyons ij bañ chaftes verneshid Rede.

Iĥ a blak cofyr w^t iij chapeletē of Rede Saten w^t the ymage of our lady assumpcōn of sylū and ij strakys of silū & ij lely pottys.

Iĥ a punchon of Iron W^t abrode arowe hede grauyn therin.

Iĥ a plate of lay metall to assis lay metall.

Iĥ a brasse pot Weyng ^{iiij} and x ll.

to serch w^t Iĥ in brasyn Weghtys a q^r Weghte xiiij li. Weght viij lb weight iiij li Weghte ij li Weghte with a bag caneuas [canvas]. Iĥ j lb Weght dī lb & q^r.

*The yiftys of such goodmen that be alyue and they that
be paste oute of this Worlde.*

Pareis &
v̄x.

Ī the yifte of John Pareis a clothe callyd an hers clothe of gold w^t the tharmys of the crafte theron browdyred.

Ī the said John Pareis and Agnes his Wyfe a Tabyll clothe of dyaper conteynyng in lengthe viij yard.

† Ī a Tabyll clothe of dyap departyd in tweyne contenyng ix yard and an Ewry clothe of dyaper halfe a shete of Canvas.

Smalwud &
v̄x.

Ī the yifte of Wiltm Smallwud the xx yere of the Reing of kyng Edward iiijth a banⁿ clothe W^t the hole armys of the crafte.

Also Agnes the Wyfe of the seyd Wyllm Smalwud a sponne of sil^u the ende therof wrethed with a wrethe gylte weyng an vnc^o a q^uit and halfe.

this said
masser was
putyd to
other vse.

Also the seyd Willm smalwud a masser w^t a brode bande of siluer ougylte w^t a bose of sil^u ougylte with his armys ennamelid ther on weyng viij unc.

Ī a collett of the yeffte of modyr schalcke V yeres.*

Smalwud &
agnes v̄x
ei^c.

Also the seyd Willm smalwud yaue a brāche of laton for v taps of wex to sete in ono^r of our blessid lady.

Also the seyd Willm smalwud yaue ij brasyn weghtys callid ij halfe hundir.

sexten &
v̄x his
daugh^t.
* sic.

Ī the yifte of willm Sexten and Agnes his wyfe ij sil^u sponys with the endis* & ougylte weyng.

Ī the yifte of margrete vyncente somtyme the wyfe of John vyncente pewtrre a siluer sponne weyng.

Ī the yifte of Elizabeth Sawier sherman and doghter to Willm Sexten pewtrre vj dyaper napkynnys.

walsh &
v̄x.

† Ī the yifte of Water Walsh and Katryn his wyfe ij sil^u sponys the toon grauyn on the ende his marke and gilte the tothyr sponne hauyng graue on the ende the ymage of seint katryn and gilte weyng ij vnc^o & an halfe.

Also a standyssh of pewtyr w^t a peyre of golddyn balans and a sorte of countyrs with a pen knife.

* This entry is in a later hand. † This mark is explained by the last entry on p. 75.

- walsh & vñ. } Also ij dyblis of Iron and a peyre of shers & a fowrem of ij fote in length with his marke ther on.
 Also a grete Joyned forser peintyd w^t the armys of the crafte and lokyd w^t ij keys pryç viij s.
 Also payed for the Reperyng of the bolyng aley in his tyme beyng wardeynⁿ with maist^r Alixandir.
 Also the same tyme a book of pap for to wryte all this Inuentary of the crafte.
- Jakson & vñ If the yifte of Thomas Jakson pewtrre and ka^ryne his wyfe a tabyll of cipyrs [cypress] content in length iij yards and a lytyll bord w^t iij fete.
- downton & vñ. If the yifte of Thomas downton pewtrre ij syluer sponys iche of them hauyng on the endis a postell [apostle] wroght and ouergilte weyng iij vñ iij q^rt.
- If the yifte of Johane late the wyfe of the seyde thoms^s downton a tabyll clothe of dyap content vij yards & di.
- Wylby. If the yifte of Willm^m Wylby pewtrre a potell pot square.
- Elyse. If the yifte Willm^m Elyse a Tankkard pot of potell.
- astelyn. If the yifte of laurens Ascelyne pewtrre a square quart pot.
- large & vñ. If the yifte of Willm^m large pewtrre and his wyfe a towell of dyap contⁿ xvj yard mkyd with a dowbyll v and an l wroght with blak sylke.
 It the yifte of John Griffith a ke^rpayne [coverpane] of fyne dyap.
- The wyfe of Thomas overi. It the yifte of the wyfe of Thomas overy a syluⁿ spone markyt w^t a T and a b weyng an vñ of syluⁿ.
 Item iij pottes called drynkyng Cruses made of the Serchmetell takyn in the craft.

*In the tyme of Willm^m Sexten Robt Turnour
 thelder and laurence aslyn.*

- Willm^m Smalwode. of willm^m Smalwode a gilt Cup weyng xxvj ounce
 It^m a braspot weyng xxxvj lb.
 It^m a peire of Rakk^e and a spit of Iron weyng xxxij lb.
 It^m poleyn wax in a Ca^rke weyng vj li di q^r lasse.
 It^m ij bell Candilstikk^e of laton.

laurence
aslyn.

Itm of laurence aslyn a silv spone w^t an a tre on the bak & an Image of
seint laurence giltid weiȳg j onĉ q̄t̄.

Itm a posnett of bras weiyng v lb.

† Itm ij platers and ij sausers of peau^t weiyng v lb dī taken of an hawker.

† Itm in olde ledde Weighte forfeited ij quarternes ij fourteynes xx lb
w^t Ryngē and xxij lb of smale weighte S^m cxiiij lb.

Itm in Brasweighte sealid xiiij lb viij lb iiij lb & ij lb.

Itm ij false bemes taken from hawkers provid false & forfeitid.

Itm a peire of Tables to pley vpon of the gift of Thomas Alisaunder.

Itm an other peire of tables of the gifte of Thomas Jakson.

Itm a new ladder of xiiij staves.

*In the tyme of Thomas Jakson m^r John Cave and
Willm^m pecok wardens. A^o dni^o 1493^o.*

ffirst a stone mor^t and a pestell of the gifte of Thom^s Jakson.

Itm a silv spone weiyng j ounce q^r r̄ m̄ked w^t J & k of the gift of John Cave.

Itm an holowe basyn of peau^t of the gift of willm^m pecok.

Itm ij goblettē of a peau^t of flaundres makyng.

† Itm ij saltē ij of iiij d. & j of iij d.

† Itm ij weighte of led weiyng both xv lb.

*In the tyme of Thomas Jacson m^r John hyndson &
Robt Turno^r the yong^r. A^o dm^o 1494.*

ffirst the seid John hyndson and Robt Turno^r paide for the stuff and
makyng of the bench of brik vnder the vyne in the south ende of
the gardyne x s.

Itm of the gifte of John hyndson and Cicily late his wif a grete Chist
bounde w^t Iren callid a standard.

Itm of the gifte of the seid Robt turnour a stope pot pond^d vj lb m̄kid
w^t his owne marke.

Itm a potell stope brought ynne at comaundid of the seid m^r and wardens
by Thomas Crosse.

Itm a pynt pot for wyne.



SUN DIAL, WITH SPIDER AND FLY, FROM A WINDOW
IN OLD PEWTERERS' HALL.

*In the tyme of Willm wilbeye m^r laurence aslyn and
Willm mabshall wardeyns.*

A Beme and a peire of scalis bought by theym.

*In the tyme of laurence aslyn m^r and Willm marschal and John Thurghgood
wardeyns bigynnyng in the xiiijth yere & endyng in
the xiiijth yere of kyng henry the vijth.*

ffirst the high wyndowe next vnto the bay wyndowe glasid by laurence aslyn.

Itm the high wyndowe ou^r the high deyce glasid by willm smalwode & willm sexteyn.

Itm the middill pane of the bay wyndowe glasid thurgh by Willm Welbey.

Itm the second wyndowe to the bay wyndowe glasid by Willm marschal.

Itm half of the third Wyndowe glasid by John Thurghgood.

Itm the Wyndowe next vnto the Comptynghouse dore glasid by Thomas Alisaunder.

Itm the wyndowe next therto glasid by John Cave.

Itm half the wyndowe next therto glasid by Thos Jacson and the other half therof by Willm Elise.

Itm the hoole wyndowe next to the gardyne dore glasid by Robt Turnour yonger.

Itm the other half of the iij^d wyndowe toward the northwest glasid by John Afferton.

Itm the oon half of the second pane and a quart^r in. the bay wyndowe glasid by Agnes Crowde wedowe.

Itm the lower pte of the same panes glasid by Thomas malpas of ffeushm Peautrer.

Itm the half of a hoole pane in the same bay wyndowe glasid by margret sometyme wif of John Vincent.

The other half of the same pane glasid by willm Pecok.

Itm the lower pte of the half pane of the same wyndowe toward the high deyce glasid by Thomas langtot.

Itm the ou^r pte of the same half paine glasid by John Whityng.

Itm[?] in the plour.

the wyndowe ouⁿ the hall dore glasid by Thomas Cham^bteyn.

Itm the bay wyndowe toward the tenⁿtries glasid by ro^bt langtot.

Itm in the end of the same bay wyndowe toward the North glasid by
Will^m lynne.

Itm the next hoole pane thereto glasid by John magson.

Itm the pane next therto glasid by Will^m peck.

Itmⁿ the pane next therto glasid by Thomas Owlawe.

Itmⁿ the hoole pane next therto glasid by Robt Wodwose.

Itmⁿ the whole pane next therto glasid by Ri^c talo^r

Itmⁿ half next therto glasid by John Robtson.

Itmⁿ the litill wyndowe in the Corner glasid by John hew.

Itm[?] in the Comptyng house.

A wyndowe of iij panes glasid by John Aslyn.

Itmⁿ other iij panes glasid by paule Alisaunder.

Itmⁿ a joyned fourme there of the gifte of John Thurghgood.

In the halle.

vj joyned stoles given by Will^m Baxster.

Itmⁿ other vj joyned stoles given by John Baxster.

Itmⁿ a fo^rme given by John Browne.

Itemⁿ a fo^rme given by Robt Elise.

Itmⁿ a fo^rme given by will^m Crowe.

Itmⁿ a fourme given by Will^m Richmond.

Itm a table given by Thomas pecok & Will^m Jacson.

Itmⁿ a table given by John South & piers Curteis.

Itmⁿ a table given by Will^m Caleis & Will^m huchyn.

Itmⁿ halff a table given by Thomas Vstthweyte.

Itm half a table paid of the Crafte money.

Itm pd for half a table a peire of grete trestille given by John hudson.

Itmⁿ a table cloth of diapre of x yerde long & ij yerde brode of the gifte
of a peautrers wif nameles god reward hir,

*In the tyme of Willm Welbeye maist^r Robt Turnour
the yonger and Willm Pecok wardeyns.*

ffirst of the Gifte of laurence aslyn and Robert Turnour aforeseid
joyntly the Comptyng house is celid.

Itm willm Sexteyn hath given the Celyng of x yerde ði in the plour.

Itm Willm Welbeye hath given the Celyng of x yerde in the seid
plour.

Itm Thomas Alisaunder John Cave Willm marschall John hyneford
Willm Elise and willm Pecok ioyntly haue given the celyng of xxij
yerde ði in the same plour.

Itm John Whityng John Afferton John Thurghgood Robt langtot
Thomas Chambleyn Thomas Crosse Willm Pecke John magson
and Thomas Pecok ioyntly haue gevyn the Celyng of the Residue
of the same plo^r.

Itm Richard Taylour Willm Crowe Robt Wodhouse piers Curteys willm
Cales and John hennyng^m these vj psones haue given towarde the
makyng of the ij long fomes in the seid plour vj s. and the Crafte
ij s. sm^a ix s.

Itm the seid laurence aslyn hathe paide for the tymbre and werkemanship
of the wȳdowe atte the steire heed into the plour and the Crafte pd
for the yren werke and glasse of the same wyndowe.

Itm a long spitte of yren of the gifte of Maistres Alisaunder.

In this yere tynne was very scant & dere for C the C was sold for
xxxij s. iiij ð. redy money.

*In the tyme of Thomas Alisaunder maister John hyndson
and Robert langtot wardeyns A^o do^t mil^limo cccc.*

A Cup of siluer parcell^e gilt of the gifte of the seid John hyndson
weyng xvj vn^o ði.

Itm vj drynkyng pottes w^t couerynge pynte callid stopes weyng xij lb.

† Itm viij saltes of fyne metell w^tout couyng^e weyng vj lb made of such
metall^e as ben crossid vpon the heed bifore in this boke.

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*In the tyme of willm Sexteyn mais^r and John wilson &
John magson wardeyns A^o do' m'cccc & iij.*

Rec^d of the biquest of willm wilbey j maser.

Itm of the biquest of Robt wodhouse j maser weyyg vj oz ij gownes & ij hood^e sowld for xxxvij s xd.

Rec of the biquest of the good veyfe ellys a tovell of dyap conteynyng xj erdys di.

Rec^d of the byquest of john veylson a seyluer spon veyd v oz.

Rec^d of the byquest of john veylson a stonyng Cope psell geylt xix dwt. [? oz.] iij grs.

R a ffrokke of Canvas wth a hodde of Canvas geuyn by Thom^s ffwlle.

*In the tyme of laurence Aslyn mr willm pecok and Thomas
oulawe wardeyns A^o xxj^o [1504-5].*

Receyued of the gifte of Thomas gode and Alice his wif a maser w^t a brode band and above w^t an ymage of our lady weying xvj vn^{ce} q^a. Itm in the same yere R^e of ix psones comyng into the Clothyng ix silu^o spones.

that is to sey of John Aslyn a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} & more.

Itm of paule Alexander a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} & more.

Itm of Willm Jacson a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} and more.

Itm of John Baxster a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} & more.

Itm of Thomas ofthwayte a spon^e weiyg an vn^{ce} and more.

Itm of Robt Elise a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} and more.

Itm of Thomas vrswyk a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} & more.

Itm of Nicholas langtot a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} & more.

Itm of John Cook a spon^e weying an vn^{ce} and more.

And it is ordeyned by the seid mr wardeyns and the hoolle Compeigny of the seid crafte that from hensfurth eu^{er} p^{er}son^e at his comyng in to the seid Clothyng shall bryng in and delyu^{er} vnto the maister and wardeyns of the seid Crafte for the tyme beyng a siluer spon^e weying as aboue. And this acte to endur vnto the tyme that the halle shalbe

stored of spones for as many psones as shalbe sett in the seid halle and plour[?] and after that to be conūted [converted] to some other vse necessarie and bihoffull.

Itm R_e of the wif of Willm̄ Sexteyn a salt siluer & pcell gilt weiyng xvij vncē ði.

1490-1. Itm paide at the Popis hedde for brede and wyne for our Compeigny at the etyng of the venyson the which maister ffenne gave vs as it appereth by a bille therof x s. xj. d.

Neither Master Fenn nor Thomas a Bery (Account for 1489-90) were brethren of the Company. They were probably Cornishmen, and their gifts may have had to do with the Ordinance for tin of the previous year.

Itm paide for Ale whanne the Cornysse men were at our halle iij d.

1491-2. Itm Rs of Roūt Spurreth for a q̄r^l of the last yere that is to say a Chist in plegge for xvj d and in money xvj d.

Itm Rs for a bras pot liyng in plegge solde for x d.

Itm Roūt Turno^r thelder beyng wardeyne for a certen variaunce bitwixt hī and the m^p & the other Warden as is welknowen. he to stand in favo^r ageyn hath given of his frewill to the Crafte. xl s.

Itm we bought xv pecē of tynne weiyng xliij^c q^a xiiij^{fl} at xxvj s viij d the C. And solde the same tynne ageyne for xxix s the C So gayned & encreacid therynne v li xiiij d.

Itm p^d to the grey freris for Reparacōn of our braunch and light there by an holle yere. vj s.

Itm p^d to the same ffreres for dirige and masse for the soules of our brethern and Susters decessid ij s. iij d.

Itm p^d for brede ale and chese at our hall after dirige done v s. ix d.

m^d that Willm̄ Smalwod Citesyn and peauterer of london deceased the xxvjth day of may the vijth yere of kyng harry the vijth and his obite shalbe kepid betwixt the ffyst and xijth day of may in the parish church of Saynt mary wolnor in lumbardstrete of london yerely during vj yeres next folowyng after the said ffyst day of may the vijth yere aforesaid by the maist^r wardeynes and craft of peautrers of london vpon payne of forfat of an obligacon of xl. s. [Jury Book.]

- 1492-3.** *Itm* delyved to our Compeigny which dyned not at the Shireffs vpon the morn after mighelmas day iij s.
Itm delyved to them that went not the maires dynⁿ viij s.
Itm p^d for iiij new markyng Irons for holoweware men iij s.

This mark must have been for the Company's official use, but no record of the device is to be found.

By the death of William Smallwood, the Hall and other property in Lime Street came formally into the possession of the Company. His will appears by an endorsement thereon to be enrolled in the Husting Court of London, among the Pleas of Land, held on Monday next after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr (11th July), in the eighth year of the reign of King Henry VII, 1493.

Itm p^d for enrolling the Testēnt of Willm̄ smalwode con^onyng our halle and tent^e therby ffirst p^d to maist^r moor for his Counsell iij s. iiij d.

Itm p^d to a s^rgeant of the maires for his fee of p^lamacion in the hustynge xij d.

Itm p^d to a Clerke of the maires for entryng of the same at the hustynge xij d.

Itm spent vpon di^use of our Compeigny labouryng for the same at iiij tymes ijs. viij d.

Itm paide to the Chambleyne of london for the fyne of the enrolment vij ti.

1493-4. *Itm* p^d toward the werkes of the Guyldhall x s.

The total contributions of the Fellowships to the erection of the new Guildhall amounted to 313*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, of which the Pewterers gave in all 2*l.* The work was finished, and a final audit made in 1504.

Itm spent the iiijth day of Nouembre vpon xij psones assigned by the hoole Compeigny to order certen pric^e & ordnūnc^e xiiij d.

This may have been the germ of the Court of Assistants, no trace of which appears in the records at this early date. Compare a later entry at the end of the year 1534-5, p. 136.

1495-6. *Itm* p^d for a brekefast made to the Churchwardeyns of Alhalowen in lumbard strete xiiij d.

The Company left the Grey Friars for some reason which does not appear, and from about this date held their annual religious gathering at the Church of Allhallows, Lombard Street.

Itm p^d for drynke at Goldsmythes halle ij d.

This is the first notice of the Goldsmiths' Company, with whom in somewhat later times the Pewterers had much relationship, not always of the most cordial character.

Itm p^d to the Chirchwardeys of Alhalowen for our masse xx d.

Itm for dirige and masse of Requiem w^{tynne} the same chirch first to iij preests eche of hem viij d & to an o^b p^{est} iiiij d S^m ij s. iiiij d. *Itm* to the Clerke and Sexteyn xij d. *Itm* for spicid brede x d. *Itm* for bonnys vj d. *Itm* for Ale ij s. j d. *Itm* for saffron Cloves & mac^e [maces] for the seid spicid brede iiiij d. *Itm* for eggs and butter to the same brede iij d. *Itm* for Chese ix d.

Itm that of the cxv ti viij s viij d ob. remaynyng in the box as appereth by the fote of the last Accompte taken out and delyved to John Asserton to pay for xv peces of tynne by hym bought the some of lvij ti. xiiij s. x d. and solde the same tynne for lxj ti xix s. & vij d. so gayned and encreaced iiiij ti iiiij s. ix d. of the which lxj ti xix s and vij d is brought yn of Redy money xxxij ti xvij s. ix d.

Itm an Indentur^d of Composic^on for o^r masse to be kepte w^{tynne} the pissh Chirch of Alhalowen in lumbardstrete.

The Yeomanry Accounts begin this year. They unfortunately consist of only one volume, which extends from 1495 to 1635. This is not the first volume, for the opening account records a balance in hand received from the previous Wardens, and a contribution from the Yeomanry funds was made in 1472-3 by way of loan to the Company at large as stated on page 36. When the Yeomanry first began to exist as a separate body cannot be determined, but at this time (1495) they appear to have consisted of all the members of the Company who were not "Brethren," "Liverymen," "Masters," or "of the Clothing," as the senior members of the Craft were variously called. Between this class and that of the Apprentices, the Yeomanry (who were also known as Freemen or Bachelors) occupied a middle place. They were members

of the larger body, and shared nearly all the trade privileges which this involved, attended the annual election ceremonies and festival, as well as the quarterly assemblies of the Company. They were probably also consulted with the rest of the Fellowship by the Master and Wardens on occasions of special emergency, when matters affecting the interests of the trade were being considered. They included the smaller masters and journeymen, and their ranks were constantly reinforced by the apprentices who completed the term of their indentures and were admitted to the Freedom. On the other hand the senior Freemen were from time to time summoned to the ranks of the Livery, so that the number of the Yeomanry or Freemen remained pretty constant. Like the "Masters" of the Craft, the Yeomanry formed themselves into a religious and social Fellowship, the "Fraternity of St. Michael the Archangel." They were governed by three Wardens, who were members of the Livery and chosen by that body.

The earliest account is for three years, 1495 to 1498, and the subsequent ones are for two years only, the Wardens being elected for this period, and presenting their accounts at the close of their term of office. The account printed below, that for 1498-1500, contains more details than the earlier one with which the volume opens. It shows the organisation of the Fraternity to have been of a very simple character; the annual religious festival and social banquet, attendance at the burials of brethren, and pensions to the poor, comprise nearly all the functions, which did not as yet include trade concerns. The subordination of the Yeomanry and their Fellowship to the general governing body of the Craft was complete. The Yeomanry employed the Clerk and Beadle as their own officers; and all its members also were required to attend their "Masters'" mass in addition to the duties which they owed to their own Fraternity. It will be seen from the later accounts that the powers of the Freemen's organisation grew considerably in the course of years, and it is to be regretted that none of its Minute Books have been preserved. The three following extracts are from the first Account, that for 1495-8.

Jm paid for torches occupied at our maisters masse kepte at the chirch
of Alhalowen in lumbard strete in the ij last yeres . . . iij s iij d.

Item p^d to a clerke to goo w^t vs and to write by the space of iij yeres ijs.
Item p^d for suynyg [sewing] the cloth togider for lire to the same and hokes iij s viij d.

This is thaccompte of John magson Robert Wodhouse and John Baxster Wardeyns of the ffraternite of seint mighell tharchaungell of Bachelers of the Crafte of Peautrers in the Citie of london deliued vnto theire successours Thomas Crosse John Symson and Thomas Vstthwayte Wardeyns newe chosen that is to wite of all somes of money by them for the same frnitie aswele Receyued as paid from Cristmas in the xiiijth yere of the Reigne of kyng henr̄ the vijth vnto the xijth day of nouembre in the xvj^{to} yere of the same kyng.

ffirst the seid accomptauntē charge theym selfē w^t money by theym receyued in the box of the same ffrnite at their entres into their office s^m vjs ij d.

Item Receyued of the good Cave for wax at the buriyng of hir husbond x s

Item R^e of Robt langtot for wax at buriyng of his wif s^m xiijs viij d.

Item R^e of mr laurence Aslyn for wax at buriyng[?] of Nicholas Clerk iij s viij d.

Item R^e of mr welbeye for wax atte buriyng[?] of his wif and fūnt xiiij s.

Item R^e for q^rtage^e the first yere xiiij s.

It for quartage the second yere xvjs.

S^m to^t R^e is iij li xvij s vj d.

Paid by the seid accomptauntē

ffirst paid to the waxchaundeler for torches & tapers occupied at the buriyng of Brether and Susters here bifore named and for the masse of our lady ijs and for makyng of the braunch at ij tymes w^t iiij lb of newe wax bought & put therto and also for the makyng of viij^{xx} lb in torches and tapres occupied at the buriyngē of John Cave and Edith langtot & maistres wilbeye more than our stok of wax at jd the lb S^m xxxiiij s.

Item paid for a chest w^t ij lokkes and ij keies & for a sqre box iiij s iiij d.

Item p^d for papu and Inke ij d.

Item	p ^d for lynyn Cloth for table clothes for the side tables in the halle	xjs v d.
Item	for hemyng of the same Clothes	ij d.
Item	for ij doꝛ trenchers lefte in the halle	ij d.
Item	for the buriyng of Willm Wheteman	xij d.
Item	spent vpon our Compeigny at the buriyng of Nicholas Clerk ou ^r the vj d given vs by maist ^r laurence	iiij d.
Item	p ^d for wasshyng of lynyn Clothes	vij d.
Item	in expens ^s at makyng of our accoꝛpte	xij d.
	sm ^t to ^l paid is lijs xj d.	

So Rest in the box & brought in xxvjs ix d And all thinge conteyned in the Inuentarie afore writen.

1496-7. The balance in hand received from the accountants of the previous year reached the large sum of *124l. 2s.*

This year a benevolence was contributed by the brethren towards "bielydyng of the halle." William Sexteyn gave *6l. 13s. 4d.*, the other contributions ranged from *20s.* to *12d.*, one member giving *4d.* The total amount reached *20l. 13s. 10d.* At the same time an agreement was made for regular subscriptions payable weekly or quarterly. These brought in an additional sum for the year of *13l. 16s. 10d.* The "Hall" now being built was the Great Hall for feasts and general assemblies. The main building was finished in 1485-6, when the wives were entertained, and the garden was laid out. The inventory of 1490 (*see pp. 68-76*) enumerates the various apartments.

The payments include the greater part of the expenses for materials and workmanship in building the Hall. Great pains were taken to procure a good design, the best of materials were provided, and the workmen were liberally paid and encouraged by special gifts. A selection of those items which appear to be of chief interest follows:—

ffirst	Spent at Habdasshers Halle to take a vewe	ij d.
Item	at Carpenters Halle for the same	ij d. oð.
Item	at pappey for the same	ij d.

This was a fraternity or brotherhood of St. Charity and St. John Evangelist called the Papey in the ward of Aldgate. It was founded

in 1430, says Stow, for poor impotent priests and other brethren and sisters that should be admitted into the church of St. Augustine Papey in London Wall. This "proper house," as Stow calls it, ranked well among the sumptuous monastic buildings of ancient London, and from being specially selected for view by the Pewterers out of such a wealth of fine buildings must have possessed a magnificent hall.

- Item** spent at drawyng the note of the indentures bitwene the Carpent' & vs ij d.
- Item** spent at Hakeney w' the Carpent' to haue a vewe of the Deans roof there x d.
- Item** p^d to Symon Birlyngham Carpent' in earnest of makyng of the Halle xl fi & j d. & for papir j d. Sm xl. fi & ij d.
- Item** for a newe whelebargh [wheelbarrow] xij d.
- Item** p^d for nailis for the hurdeyce at the heed walle iiij d.
- Item** on the first monday of lent p^d to vij werkemen & vij labourers vs. x d.
- Item** the second monday of clene lent p^d to iij werkemen & iij labourers. iiij s.

Similar payments follow for Tuesday and the other days of the week, also payments for the week beginning on the third Monday in Lent. Clean Lent is another term for Lent in allusion to the spiritual cleansing sought to be obtained in that season.

- Item** paide at Symon Birlynghams house for Ale ij d.
- Item** given to his mayny [Meinie, *i.e.*, people, workmen] iiij d.

Simon Birlyngham seems to have filled the offices of architect and master builder, for which he received 40*l.* He was sent by the Company, no doubt in connection with the work of the new Hall, to Berwick, for which he received at his "Ridyng furth," 5*l.*, and a similar sum "at his comyng home." The method of building is clearly shown in the accounts. All wages and materials were purchased by the Company. Simon Burlingham was superintending architect, and the beadle checked the workmen's time-sheets and purchased the materials under the direction of the Wardens, who paid the accounts in ready cash. The details of the expenditure are contained chiefly in the accounts of this and the next year.

1497-8. The gifts of the brethren of the Company towards finishing the Hall amounted this year (the last in which they appear) to xiiij li xj s. vij d. There was "Given also to the halle by these psones folowyng :"

ffirst by a certeyn psonne not named. xij d.
Jtm by Thomas Howden taylour for the soulis of Thomas langtot & luce his wif to be had in remembraunce iij s. iij d.
Jtm by John Griffyn Squier of the kyngs household vj s. viij d.
Jtm by Thomas malpas of ffeuhm [Feversham] Peautrer C of Shrof sold for xvij s.

The payments for building the Hall occupy no less than sixteen pages of the account, and comprise five hundred and fifteen items. These are of much interest as showing on a wide scale the cost of wages and building materials at the close of the fifteenth century. A selection of the principal items is given in full, preceded by a condensed list of prices taken from the numerous details in the accounts of this and the previous year.

Workmen. Daily wages of labourers 4d. or 5d.; dauber and man 9d. or 11d.; tiler and man 9d.; mason 7d. or 8d.; joiner 8d.; carpenter (seven days) 3s. 4d.; plumber, for casting lead 1s. 2d. per cwt., for casting and working lead 1s. 8d. per cwt.; quenching lime (two men) 6d. per day.

Materials. Asshelm stone 4d. per foot, pase stone 6d. per foot; Wardens of the Masons, for metage, 8d.; pavior, for six loads of stone, 7s.; water table stone 4½d. per foot, carriage of 82 feet 12d., mason, for laying it, 12d.; sand 4d. per load; gravel 4d. per load; 30 loads of earth 10d.; 20 loads of rubbish and 5 loads of earth 1½d.; white sand, 31 loads 14s. 6d.; bricks, 21 thousand 5l.; lime, per cwt., 5s. 6d. to 6s.; white plaster, per bushel, 12d.; grey plaster, per bushel, 6d. and 9d.; old plaster, per load, 1s. 6d., carriage 3d.; new plaster, per ton, with carriage, 8s. 6d.; load of billets to bren the plaster 2s. 7d.; faggots, per quartren, 10d.; tiles, per thousand, 5s. 4d. to 6s. 6d.; roof tiles, per hundred, 5s.; tile pins, 3 pecks 4d., per bushel 4½d.; timber, 25 quarters 3s. 4d.; 2 short quarters 2d.; timber fillets each 1d.; planks, 4 for 6d., 3 feet a penny; oak planks, 145 feet for 3s. 11d.; "lire" board, 56 yards for 4s.; hire

of 8 scaffold posts 8*d.*; evesboard, per yard 1*d.*; lattice, per foot 3*d.*; laths, per load 11*s.*, per hundred 5*d.*; sap lath, per hundred 4*d.*; "hert" laths, per hundred 5*d.*; "spriggs," per thousand 6*d.*; new iron, per cwt. 12*s.*; "brodds" for the smith, per score 1*d.*; great "brodds," per hundred 10*d.*; lead, per cwt. 4*s.*; solder, per lb. 4*d.*; tenpenny nails, per hundred 8*d.* and 9*d.*; sixpenny nails, per hundred 5*d.*, tinned 8*d.*; fivepenny nails, per hundred 4*d.*, tinned, 7*d.*; fourpenny nails, per hundred 3*d.*, tinned 6*d.*; threepenny nails, per hundred 2*d.*; twopenny nails, per hundred 1½*d.*; roof nails, per thousand 7*d.*; tinned hinges, with hooks, per lb. 1¾*d.*; bolts, with forelocks, per lb. 1¼*d.*; 3 new locks, with staples, 21*d.*; "sodeletts" for the Hall louvre, per foot 1*d.*; the carpenter, for 8 puncheons, 2*s.*; carpenter, for chymney mantell, 2 tassells, and new pece over the well, 15*s.*; a forme in the counting house 2*s.*; three forms in the Hall, 7*s.*; 6 fathom rope for the well 7*d.*; carrying the mantell of freestone 4*d.*; allowed to the carpenter for the dormond [dormer] in the Hall roof 14*d.*; to the plomer in earnest 1*d.*; to the Wardeyne of tilers for serch of tile 2*d.*

Jfm p^d to Symon Birlyngghm atte Reisyng of the halle the iiijth day of octobre x fi.

This seems to have been the roofing.

Jfm p^d for xij peire of gloves xvij d.

These gloves were probably for the workmen, as the entry occurs between two payments to labourers.

Jfm spent at hakeney vpon diſe of the Crafte w^t the Carpenter takyng there a vewe & sight of the halle iij d.

Jfm for a potte of tree [wood] standyng on the lovar [louvre] xx d.

Jfm p^d to peynter brikman for xxj m^t of Brik v fi.

Jfm for peyntyng the potte of tree on the lover xx d.

Jfm p^d for peyntyng of the Rose on the lover viij d.

Jfm p^d for Colours to peynt the halle Roof xiiij d.

Jfm p^d for glasyng of the lover iij s.

Jfm a stone of xj fote for the bay wyndowe iij s. j d. ob.

Jfm p^d to the Smyth for v wite barres tynned for the high wyndowe in the hall weyng xlvj lb the lb j d ob q^a [1¾*d.* the lb.] vj s. vij d. ob.

Jfm	xvj barres white tynned for the bay wyndowe weying C q ^a xiiij lb dī [1 cwt. 1 qr. 14½ lbs.] the lb j d ob q ^a [1¾ d.] Sm ^a xxij s. vj d. ob. q ^a .
Jfm	ij white barres for the wyndowe in the Comptyng House weying xviiij lb the lb j d ob q ^a Sm ^a ij s. vij d. ob.
Jfm	v C dī of Spaynyssh Spikyngs the C x d ob Sm ^a iiij s. x d.
Jfm	iiij C of iiij d nailis tynned at vj d the C Sm ^a ij s.
Jfm	a dog of yren for the litle house weying iij lb iij d. ob. q ^a .
Jfm	a Clamp by the kichyn dore iij d.
Jfm	a lok to the Countyng house dore ij s.
Jfm	a lok to the grete dore xxd.
Jfm	a lok for the bak dore xij d.
Jfm	a lok for the plour dore x d.
Jfm	a lok for the botry [buttery] dore vij d.
Jfm	a lok for the pantry dore vij d.
Jfm	a lok for the larder-house dore vij d.
Jfm	p ^d for vnderpynnyng the speres in the Halle viij d.
Jfm	p ^d the vj ^{te} day of Aprile to Symon Birlyng ^h m at fynysshyng of the halle x fi.
Jfm	a dormond in the pastry house stuff & werkmanship. ij s. vj d.
Jfm	lost in eschaunge of Romayn money xij d.
Jfm	pd for colours to peynt the principal posts in the halle xij d.
Jfm	for an awterstone of vij fote to the Ovens. ij s. xj d.
Jfm	to the pavio ^r for pavyng of xviiij taic ^t & iij q ^r ts ix s. and iiij d.
Jfm	for v dosen trenchers v d.
Jfm	for xxxiiij yerds of peyntid clothes in the Comptyng house xj s. iiij d.
	These tapestries would seem to have been more in place in the Hall.
Jfm	for a bultyng [<i>i.e.</i> sifting] tubbe xvj d.

1498-9. The balance in hand at the beginning of this account had fallen to 6*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* through the large outlay upon the Hall, and it did not amount to 40*l.* until ten years later.

Recepued for quartags of brether. This is a very late instance of an ancient form of the plural of brother.

Jfm p^d for the dyner of our brethern not dynyng w^t the maire **ffirst** for a ribbe of Brawne xj d. **Jfm** for ij piggs xj d. **Jfm** for spice ix d. ob & brede viij d. **Sm** ij s. iiij d. ob. **Jfm** to the Chaundeler for salt and savce j d. ob. **Jfm** for floure water and a woman to dresse the mete v d.

Jfm p^d for xiiij fote dī of flemysse glasse iiij s. iiij d.

Jfm for carvyng of the porch ij s. iiij d.

Jfm for ix fote of Normandy glasse iiij s. ix d.

Jfm for a newe cheyer xij d.

This is the first mention of a chair, but a form appears in 1487-8 among other furniture of the Hall.

1500-1. **Jfm** R^s of the wardmote quest for the halle iiij s. iiij d.

Jfm of the glo^u [Glover] pursers iiij s. iiij d.

The Company being now possessed of a spacious and sumptuous Hall were in a position to recoup themselves to some extent of the great cost incurred in its construction, by lending it out for occasional or periodical use. Their principal hirers were the Ward of Langbourn, the Coopers' Company, the Glovers' Company, and the Minstrels [? Musicians' Company], and the Hall was frequently let for weddings to brethren and strangers, the usual charge being 5s. A dancing master also soon comes on the scene as a tenant.

Jfm for beef and knokils of veell xx d. **Jfm** for ij piggs xij d. **Jfm** for ij gees xiiij d.

1501-2. **Receved** of M' John Serle Squyer for his obite to be kepte in the Conuentuall Chirch of Bermondsey yerely vpon the day of his Anni^usarie by the space of xl yeres next ensuyng after his decesse dispendi^g at eu^y such obite iiij s. vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. He died four years afterwards. See further particulars on page 98.

Jfm receyued and brought in in gaynes of ij pec^e of tynne bought w^t Serles money and more money therwith viij s. viij d.

The new Hall being now finished, the funds of the Company were relieved from a heavy strain, and the practice of purchasing tin with surplus money was resumed.

Item Rs of good folks of the Crafte of euy garnyssh of vessell leten to hire towards the werk of the kychyn of the guyldhalle liij s. iiij d.

Stow gives the following particulars of this new work at the Guildhall:—"The kitchens and other houses of office adjoining to this Guildhall were built of later time, to wit about the year 1501, by procurement of Sir John Shaa, goldsmith, mayor (who was the first that kept his feast there); towards the charges of which work the mayor had of the fellowships of the city, by their own agreement, certain sums of money; as of the Mercers forty pounds, the Grocers twenty pounds, the Drapers thirty pounds, and so of the other fellowships through the city, as they were of power." In the final audit of the accounts which appears in the City records under the date of 13th November, 1504, [*Repertory* i, fol. 176] the contribution of the Pewterers' Company is set down as 40s.

Item for piks iiij s.

Item for ffresshe Codde and salt fisshe x d.

Item for Salt samon & fresshe heryng xiiij d.

Item for lampurnes [? lampreys] v d.

Item for a sek of smale Colis [coals]. ij d. oþ.

Item p^d to the Carpent^r for the Raile of our standyng next to the pagent in Cornehill ayenst the comyng of the princes [princess] from Spayne xij s. viij d.

Item pavyng after the Railis there taken vp xvij d.

This was Katherine of Arragon, daughter of Ferdinand II and Isabella of Spain. She arrived at Plymouth on 2nd October, and was married to Arthur, eldest son of King Henry VII, on 14th November, 1501.

Item p^d for a quarte of malevicyn and a quarte of red wyne sent to maister Priour of Chicksand v d.

Item spent at the Miter in Chepe vpon our Compeigny vij d.

Item R^s of diuse psones toward a newe bier cloth as it appeth by a bill xxvj s. ij d. [*Yeomanry Accounts.*]

1502-3. **Item** Rs of Thomas Pecok for our asshe metell xx s.

Item for fynyng and meltyng of the same metell vij s. Sm̄ xxvij s.

Jtm for blotefishe [? bloater fish] and Samon	iiij s. j d.
Jtm for oistres	ij d.
Jtm a pynt of wyne to seth the piks [seethe the pikes]	j d.
Jtm p ^d at the quenes buriyng for xxxvj yerds of blankkett for vj gownes	xij s.
Jtm for makyng of the same gownes	iiij s.
Jtm for the makyng and wast of vj torches the same tyme	vij s.
Jtm spent in our halle atte delyuyng of the gownes	ij d. oð.

A similar sum for this purpose appears in the Yeomanry accounts. Elizabeth of York, Henry VII's Queen, died in February, 1503, her funeral being conducted with great pomp, in which the citizens took part.

Jtm spent at the Cokk and the Sterre when our Compeigny were togider for Robt Turnours beme	iiij d.
Jtm spent at the popes heed after the buriyng of moder Chalke	ij s.

At the foot of the account for this year, 1502-3, following the balance of "redy money" in the box, is the entry **Jtm** in batry ware—xvij. fi vij s. Sm to^l in the box withe the batry is xxxij li. xj s. jd.

Also the seid Accomptaunte charge them w^t money Reseyuid towardē a here [bier] cloth of dyuse psons whos namys herafter more playnly doth appere.

This is from the Yeomanry accounts. The contributions amounted to 27s. 4d., subscribed by twenty-six persons, in sums varying from 4d. to 3s. 4d. The payments for making the pall were as follows.

ffor ye poll cloth.

Jtm for ij yerde & j q̄ter of clothe of golld at xvij s. x d. le yerd	xl s. & j d.
Jtm for iiij yerds & of blac veluet at xj s. & j d. le yerd	xxxiiij s. iiij d.
Jtm for iiij myghells at iiij s. le pece [Figures of St. Michael]	xvj s.
Jtm for strakys at ij s. le pece	viiij s.
Jtm for xij flouers of golld at xix d.	xix s.
Jtm for v yerde & di q̄ter of blew bokeram at v d. le yerd	ij s. j d.

Itm vij oncz & di of silk frence of dy^us colours at xiiij d. le oncz viijs. j d.
S^m to^l vj li. ix s. ij d.

The following interesting ordinances relating to the use of the pall, the annual religious meeting, and the accounts of the Yeomanry's Fraternity of St. Michael are also from the Yeomanry accounts.

Ordinancis made the xxix day of november In the xx yere of the reyng of kyng henry the vijth It was ordyned & astablysed by the adwyse of the master & wardeyns wyth all the hole body of the felaschip of peauterers wyth In the cyte of london that where a clothe called a poll clothe ordyned & made In the tyme of peter curteys Nycholas langtoft & Wyllm Jaxson then beyng wardeyns of the fraternite of seynt myghell the archangell for the brethern & sistern of the same fraternite as well for y^e poure as the ryche payng ther dwetes to y^e seid ffratⁿite.

Prouided allwey that y^e forseid clothe schall remayne with In the hall & that Willm kirk bedell or his Successours schall alwey be redy to bere forthe the seid clothe & he to haue for his laboure & for warnyng of the brethern iiij d. of the party that settyth hym a werk & if he or they be not able that then the bedell to be paid by the seid wardens & they to be aloued In ther accompt for the same.

ffurthermore it is inacted & agrede by the aforseid master & wardens w^t the hole company that when & as often as any of the seid brethern beyng lawfully warned by the bedell Cum not to y^e seid plase alynnted & at the oure assigned that then the party so absentyng hym self as ofte as he so doythe shall pay with ought fauer iiij d. to the ences & profyt of the seid fraternite.

Moreo^u it was ordyned & agrede the day & yere afore namid by the aforseid master & wardens w^t all the hole company that where of a gode & avncyent custom a masse for the brethern & sistern of the fraternite of seynt myghell the archangell kept In the freers augustyns In london on the sonday next after myghellms day shall allwey so be contynued & on the morow next enswyng the dyn^r to be made if any that yere schall be & that with In the space of xiiij days next after the same day the seid wardeyns shall be redy & bryng In ther accompte apon payne of e^uyche of them to pay iij s. iiij d.

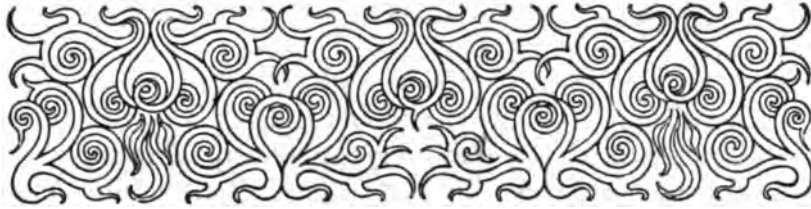
And also it is agrede that euery wardeyns for the tyme beyng shall as well bryng In ther bills of quarterege & of all other reseite & paymente & of euery pcell of them as of all other thynges conteynid In the Inventory apon payne afore seid.

- 1503-4.** *Itm* p^d for vj quarters colis for the hoole yere ij s. iij d.
Itm spent vpon the prio^r of Chiksand at the Rose vj d.
Itm delyued to Willm kirk for beryng of our buryng cloth to thobite of Willm Wilbeye iiij d.
Itm for boylyng burnysshyng of ij Cuppes And mendyng of a vice and the knoppe xvj d.
Itm p^d for iij Rolls and the Colyngs of damask w^t the werkmanship.
Itm for ij lilly potts of siluer xij s. iiij d.





PORTION OF THE STAND CLOTH, WITH A ROSE,
ONE OF THE COMPANY'S EMBLEMS.



CHAPTER III.

Trade Legislation.

IN 1503-4 a most important statute, 19 Henry VII, c. 7, was passed by Parliament to limit the power of the Companies in making ordinances. A similar statute had been made in 1437 (15 Henry VI, c. 6), ordering guilds and incorporate companies to have their charters duly recorded before justices of the peace, but had been very little regarded. The preamble states that these bodies oftentimes made unlawful and unreasonable ordinances "for their own profit and common damage to the people," and for remedy the Justices are empowered to revoke and repeal such ordinances; those attempting afterwards to enforce them being liable to a fine of 10*l.* for each offence. Henry VII's new statute enacted that "no masters wardens and fellowships of crafts or misteries or any of them, nor any rulers of gilds and fraternities take upon them to make any acts or ordinances, but if the same acts be examined and approved by the Chancellor, Treasurer of England, and Chief Justices of either Bench, or three of them; or before the Justices of Assizes in their circuit." The preamble alleges that "masters, wardens and people of gilds, fraternities and other companies corporate, dwelling in divers parts of the realm, oftentimes, by colour of rule and governance to them granted and confirmed by charters and letters patent of divers kings, make among themselves many unlawful and unreasonable ordinances as well in prices of wares as other things for their own singular profit and to the common hurt and damage of the people." A further clause provided that "none of the same bodies corporate take upon them to make any acts or

ordinances to restrain any person or persons to sue to the King's Highness or to any of his Courts, for due remedy to be had in their causes, nor put or execute any penalty or punishment upon any of them for any such suit, to be made upon pain of forfeiture of 40*l*." This enactment abolished the rule which had so long existed in this and other Companies that no member should sue in the king's courts without leave.

Itm for money taken out of the box and spent in the pliamēt tyme as it appereth by bills of the pcells therof x li xvij s.

The expenditure in the above entry was incurred by the Company in procuring the passing an important statute to suppress hawking and the use of false weights. This Act, 19 Henry VII, cap. 6, immediately precedes on the statute book the more general one described above, which concerned all the companies; its importance justifies its being transcribed at length. It was, together with later statutes, reprinted by the Company as recently as 1741, and it contains the first compulsory enactment for the affixing of the makers' marks or "touches" upon all vessels of pewter made by them. The practice was, however, in use, though not compulsory, for many years previous to this Act.

PeWterers Walkyng.

Humbly and lamentably shewen and complayn unto your most habundaunt gr̄ce your humble Subjecte the Pewterers and Brasiers of yo^r Citees of London and York, and all other plac̄e of this your Realme, That Whereas many simple and evil disposed p̄sons of this your Realme of Engeland, using the said Crafts, daily go about this your Reame from Village [to Village], from Towne [to Towne] and from Howse to Howse, as well in Woddes and Forest̄e and in other plac̄e to bye Peweter and brasse, and that knowyng theves and other pikars, that steale as well Peauter and brass belongyng to yo^r Highnes and undre yo^r mark and to the Lorde sp̄uell and temporell as to other yo^r Subjecte of this your Realme [byyng] such stolen vessell unto them in such hyde plac̄e to sell, and it sell for litill or nought and aboutght they bryng it to pryve plac̄e or into Corners of Citees or Townes and ther sell much part of hit to straunge, the which carys it ov̄ the See by stelth; also the seid p̄ sons so goyng abowte, and dyv̄s others using the seid Craftys, use to make newe Vessell and

myxith gode metell and badd togider and make it nought and sell them for gode stuff wher in dede the stuff and metell therof is nought worth the fourth parte that it is sold for, to the greate hurte deseit and losses of your Subjecte; Also dyvs psons usyng the seid Crafte have deceivable and untrew Beames and Scales that one of them wold stand even with xijth weight at one end ayenst a quarter of ath at the other end, to the synguler avⁿtage of them self and greate deseite and losse of your seid Subjecte byers and sellers with them; For reformation of the p^rmisses it wold please your Highnes of your most habundaunt g^race with thadvise of yo^r Lordes spuall and tempall and the Comons in this p^rsent pliament assembled by thauctorite of the same to enacte and stablissh that no pson nor psons usyng the seid Craftez of Peweterers and Braseers from hensforth shall sell or change eny Peweter or brasse newe or old at eny place or places within this your Realme, but only in opyn fayres or Markette or in their owne duellyng Houses, but if they be desired by the seid byers of such ware, uppon payne of forfeiture to our So^veigne Lord the Kyng for e^vy such default x^{li}.

Also that by the same auctorite it may be enacted and established that no pson nor psons, of what condicion or degree so e^v he or they be of, from hensforth within the seid Citees of London and Yorke or without, either cast or werk eny pewet^r vessell or brasse at eny place or placys w^yn this your Realme, but that it be as gode fyne metall as is the peweter and brasse caste & wroughte aft^r the p^rfite goodnes of the same withyn the Citie of London, and by the Statute of the same owght to be, uppon payne of forfeiture of all such Peuter and brasse so cast and wrought of worsse peauter or brasse then ought to be wrought in the same Citees, That oon half of e^vy such forfeiture to be to thuse of your Highnes, and that other half to the use of the fynders therof. Provided alwey that this forfeiture in no wise stretche ne extend to brasse or peauter beyng in the p^rssion of eny pson other then the werkers of the same, or such as have the same to sell and beyng of the Crafte Maistrye.

Also that it may be [by] the same auctorite be enacted and established, that no manⁿe of pson ne psons of what degree or condicion soe^v he or they be of from hensforth make no holowe wares of Peauter, that is to say Saltes and Pott^e that is made of Peweter called Ley Metell,

but that it may be af^r the Assise of Peauter Ley Metell wrought within the Cite of London; and that the makers of such wares shall marke the same wares with se^vall marke of their owne to be entent that the [markers] of such wares shall avowe the same Wares by theym as is above-seid to be wrought, and that all and e^vy of such wares not sufficiently made and wrought and not marked in fourme abovesaid, founden in the possession of the same maker or seller to be forfeited, And if the same Ware be sold the seid maker to forfeite the value of the same Waare so unlawfully wrought and sold, the oon half of the seid Waares or the moytie of the value therof to be to the use of your Highnes and the other half to be to the use of the fynder or fynders or Serchers therof.

Also that it may be the same auctorite be enacted and established, that if eny pson or psons heraf^r usyng bying and sellyng of Peweter or brasse that heraf^r occupie any deceyvable or fals Beames or weightez of the seid Waares, that e^vy suche pson or psons usyng and occupying such deceyvable and untrewre Beames or weighte to forfeite xxs. the on half to the Kyng and the other half to the ptie that therfor shall sewe by accion of dette, And that in the seid accion no pteccion nor essoyn shalbe allowed: And also the seid ptie, so offendyng shall forfeite his beame to hym that shall sease it; and if the seid offender or offendours be not sufficient to pay the seid some or somes by theym so forfeited, that then it shalbe lawfull to the Mayres Baylifs, and other hede officers of such place or place wher eny such offendours shalbe founde, to put theym into the Stokke and theym so to kepe till the next Market day next adjoynyng, and in that market place to put theym in the Pillory all the market tyme.

And furthermore that it be lawfull by the seid auctorite that the Maister and Wardens of the seid crafte of Pewetters within e^vy Cite and Borowe of this Realme wher such Wardens ar, and wher no such Wardens ar the hed or Gouvⁿour of the same Citee or Borough, to appoynt c^tene psons most expte in knowlege of the same to make serch within the seid Citees and Boroughes wher they duell; And o^v this the Justicez of Peas within e^vy Shire at their geⁿerall Sessions holden at Mighelmas shall assigne and appoynt too c^tayn psons havyng experiens therin to make serche in the p^mysses in e^vy part of that Shire, aswell

within the fraunches as withowte sayng in Citees or Boroughs where Serchers be appoynted by the hedde or Gouvnours of the same; And that of all such unlawfull Peweter or Brasse as the seid Sercho's shall fynde, the oon halfe to the use of your G^ace and the other half to the seid Serchours; and that in the defaulte of the seid Maister and Wardeyns of the seid Occupacions not serchyng in fourme as is aforseid, and wherby that eny such unlawfull metell is caste or made or unlawfull weighte used, that then it shalbe lawfull to eny pson or psons havyng sufficient connyng and knowlege in the seid occupacions, by ovsight of the Mayrez Baillifs or hed officis of the seid Citees and Boroughs, to serche all the seid place and to put the seid auctorite and acte in execucion in fourme aforesaid. **PROVYDED** allwey that this psent acte contynue and endure till the next Parliament and no lenger. [*The Statutes of the Realm*, Vol. II, 1816, pp. 651-2.]

1504-5. **Jtm Re^d** of thenquest of Wardemote for their easement in our halle iij s.
Jtm R^s of the Coupers for their easment of the hall iij s.
Jtm R^s of ix of our brethern taken into Clothyng the xiiijth day August whose names hereafter folowe of eu^y of theyme a siluer spone weiyng an onz and more
Jtm R^s for the kyngs pte and Oure of men in the Contrey in our ridyng aboute the land v li. & xxij d.

Under the Company's charter one half the value of all false wares seized was paid to the King, the other half being the property of the Company.

ffirst taken out of the box for almanⁿ [all manner of] ffees gifts and expens^s for the confirmacion of our chartre & for a Ridyng patent vij li. & x d.

This charter, granted by King Henry VII on 19th March, in the 20th year of his reign, is not now in the Company's possession. It recites and confirms the charter of 13 Edward IV. A copy is preserved at the Public Record Office (Exchequer 2. R. Memoranda, Mich. 21 Henry VII, Roll 24).

Jtm p^d for the kyngs pte of the money Receyued in the Contrey
 xix s. iij d.

1505-6. quarterage of Brethern & Susters. Sir Robt Aslyn xij d.

He heads the list until 1515, when his name disappears. He may have been the Company's mass priest, or have joined the Company originally as a working member of the trade. In the accounts of 1530-1, he appears as Sub-Dean of St. Paul's. There were several Astlyns on the roll of membership.

Jfm for the first yeres mynd of John Serle which must be contynved the space of xl yeres w'yn the Conuentuell Chirch of Bermondsey on the peyne of v s. eūy yere in which it shal happen to be lefte vndone to be kepte yerely the xvij day of Nouembre as it appereth in the bigynnyng of the Jurie boke iij s. iij d.

The entry in the Jury Book is as follows:—

m^d that John Serle esquier decessid the xvij day of Nouembre in the xxth yere of the Reigne of kyng henry the vijth the which John Serle gave to the Crafte of peautrers vj li xij s iij d for his obite yerely to be kepte w'yn the monasterie of Bermondsey by the space of xl yeres next ensuyng after the seid xvij day of Nouembre expendyng at eūy such obite iij s iij d to be delyued to thabbot and Couent of the seid monasterie by the maister of the seid crafte or by oon of the Wardeyns or the bedill of the seid Crafte to bigynne the xvij day of Nouembre in the xxj yer^o of king henr^o the vij a^o dni^o m v C and five.

Jfm receyuid of maister larans ashleyn for vj torchys for Roberd Ellys Beryng weying a C xv lb. S^m vj s. iij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1506-7. **Jfm** p^d to Willm Kirk our bedill for the hoolle yer xxxij s. viij d.

Jfm p^d to Willm kirke for dressyng of our gardyn and Cuttyng of the vyne xij d.

Jfm p^d to p^ests and Clerks for masse and ryngyng of the bells iij s. iij d.

1508-9. **ppayed** for makyng of our standyng at coronacion of kyng x s.

This was the Coronation of Henry VIII, which took place at Westminster on 24th June, 1509. The funeral of Henry VII in his Chapel at Westminster Abbey was on 10th May.

ppayed for vj Tortchess at the kyngs beryng for wast of ijth xij d.

Payed for beryng & werkmanschep of the sayd torches ij s. viij d.

Itm paide to the churche wyndowe glasyng of Seint dyones Bakchurche
of london xiiij s. iij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1509-10. The accounts for this period are very beautifully written, the initial letters being fine examples of the best writing of the day.

Itm R^o of good men of the Craft toward ij garnesh & di of vessel in mettall iij^l iij ff.

Itm Reseyved in money of good folke of the kraft toward our vessell
xix s. ij d.

This large sum must have purchased a very handsome service of pewter for the use of the Company in their Hall. In a marginal note is "y^e facion is geven," an early instance of the curious transformation into the letter "y" of the old thorn letter "þ," *i.e.* "th."

Itm for a markyng Iren of the strake of Teyn & lellepott . . . xvj d.

This marking iron must have been for official use, and was probably employed to denote good quality, just as the broad arrow (*ante*, p. 47) was used for the forfeit mark. The entry is interesting from the light it throws on the nature of the "strakes" or "strikes," which are charges in the Company's coat of arms. From the description here given they would appear to be ingots of tin, although the object of piercing them in so many places and with such regularity is not at all clear.

1510-11. **Reseyved** of the mynstrells for kepyng ther dyner at our halle ij s. Also of the "inquest of wardmot," iij s. iij d., and of the "Coupers" vj s. viij d.

Itm Bought A Sertyn of lāms Skȳnes Towed for gloves or purses wher of brought in of cler gayne vj s. viij d.

This mode of investing the year's balance was a new departure, and did not form a precedent. The warden accountant for the year was probably a judge of white leather, and took advantage of the state of the market for the benefit of the Company. To taw is defined as "to dress and prepare in white, as the skins of sheep, lambs, goats, and kids, for gloves, and the like, by imbuing them with alum, salt, and other

materials." The investment may have been made through the Company of Glovers or Pursers, who rented Pewterers' Hall. See the accounts of 1500-1, p. 87.

1511-12. Obets. ffirst for a masse kepte at Alhalou on our lady day & dirge at after Noon & mas on the morn payed to the pyssh prest viij d. To s^r Herry vj d. to s^r Willm̄ iiij d. to s^r Thom̄s iiij d. to belgraves prest iiij d. to warnars prest iiij d. to gollsborrowe prest iiij d. to Roger lawdall iiij d. to the Clark iiij s. iiij d. *Itm* to the Sexteyn ij d. for Spice bonnes & kaks ijs. vj d. for a kelderbyn of ale ijs. *Itm* payed to the Chandillar for werkmanschepe & Newe wexe for our branche at Alhallen viij s. for making Clenne of the branche viij d. Som̄ xx s. x d. *Itm* payed for master Sexteyns obitte kepte at Saint bennet fenke vj s. viij d. *Itm* payed for Serles Obit kepte at Seint Saveours iij s. iiij d.

Itm payed to m̄ morgayn for making of a Suplcacion to my lord the maire xij d.

Itm payed to the Comon Cryar for berryng [bearing] vp a bill iiij d.

Itm payed at the Dagar in Schepe whan we labort to y^e maire ffor brekfast vj d.

The subject of the Company's Supplication to the Lord Mayor cannot be traced, but it was certainly not of great moment, as the expenditure amounted to less than 2s.

1512-13. Payed for the confermacion our Corpacion and of the letter pattent & other copyes v li. xvij s. xj d.

This year the Charter was again confirmed by an *Inspeximus* of the new king, Henry VIII, on 24th January in the fourth year of his reign. The original is one of the most beautiful of the charters in the Company's possession, and is reproduced in the accompanying illustration. King Henry recites and confirms the Charter of 20 Henry VII.

At the same time the Company procured an Act of Parliament (4 Henry VIII, c. 7), confirming and extending the Act of 19 Henry VII, c. 6. The tenor of the Act is as follows:—

To the King our Sovereign Lord and the honorable Lords spiritual and temporal and the commons in this present Parliament assembled.



For as much as a certain act was made and established in the Parliament holden at Westminster the 19th year of the reign of the late most famous King Your Father Henry the VIIth whom God pardon concerning Pewterers and brasiers hawking and walking about the country and also concerning the false beams scales and weights with a provision for castyng of fyne metall and of perfect goodness which acte was made to endure to the next parliament the tenour whereof hereafter ensueth. "That wher many symple and evyll disposed persons &c." [See Statute 19 Hen. VII, c. 6, printed on pp. 94-7.]

Please it therfore your Grace and Wisdomes in so moche as the said Acte is thought good and pfitable that it be ordeyned and enacted and established by the Lordes spiual and temporall and the Comons in this p̄sent pliamēt assembled and by the auctoritie of the same that the said Acte may endure for e^v. And ov^r that be it enacted by the said auctorite that if any untrue or deceyvable metall or workmanshipp of Tynn or Peauter be founde either in Platters Chargers, disshes, sawsers Potengers trenchers Basyns, flagons botelle pottle salsellers Goblette spones Cruette or candelstikke, or any other suche Wares of Tynne or peauter wher so e^v it be caste made or wrought within this Realme or with oute and brought to be sold withyn the same Realme, That than it shalbe lefull to the Maire of the Citee of London and the Mais^r and Wardeyns of the Crafte of Peauterers of the said Citie for the tyme beyng and their deputies to have serche of the of the same withyn the said Citie of London and Subberbys of the same; and that in all other Cities Borowes and Townes wher any Wardeyns be or shalbe, the Maires Baillifes or hede Officers and Wardeyns to have like auctorite, And wher noo Wardeyns be then the hede Officers or Govⁿours of the same Cities Borowes and Townes to appoynt C^oteyn psones moste expte and Connyng in knoulege of the same to make serche withyn the said Cities, Borowes and Townes wher they dwell; And if any suche newe Wares wrought of tynne and peauter as is aforesaid be founde defectif and beyng in the possession of the Seller, that then the same psone or psones that putteth any suche newe Wares of peauter to sale shall forfeit the same Wares, the oon halfe to thuse of our Sovaign Lord the King and the other halfe to the Serchers or fynders of the same. P^rvyded alwaie that this Acte concⁿyng

the forfaiture be not pjudiciall nor hurtfull to any psone or psones havynge g^runte of our So^vayagn Lord the King or of any of his noble pgenitours by his tres patentes of such forfeiture but that they and evy of them shall have and enjoye the same according to their former g^runtes and libties.

Itm payed for mendyng a Syessyng of our weyghts called our standart ij s.

Payed to the yeman of the Chambr for sellyng [sealing] iiij d.

Itm for mendyng of the Crucifex of the Jure book xiiij d.

Itm p^d for beryyng of kyrke ij s. j d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

Itm p^d for makyng of the j dentters of the wexchandelers viij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1514-15. **Itm** r^s of James Holand broker for on of the Tenements in the Jure for half a yer endyd at lam̄as after iiij Nobles by the yer xij s. iiij d.

Itm r^s of master botteler for the tother howse in the Jure calid the pykt hache after fyfty Shelyngs by yer for half a yer endid at mydson̄ xxv s.

The "pykt hache" is a curious name for a house, and may mean a tenement "picked out" in ornamental bands of colour.

1515-16. **Itm** r^s for the hire of iij garnesh of our vessel in the haul of the Couppars ij s.

Itm payed for makyng of the branche & for iiij l^t a q^rt & di put therto of newe wexe for vij judasses ij boughte of Tembr mad be a juner & payntyng of the holy gost in Sylū Colour xvij s. iiij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

1516-17. **Itm** payed for barge hire whan the pressonars whent to Westmenster and the Crafts also w^t them vj s. viij d.

This was the incident so well known as the Evil May Day, when the jealousy which had long been felt by the Londoners and their apprentices against foreign workmen broke out into scenes of terrible violence. On the 1st May, 1517, one John Lincoln, a broker, induced Dr. Bell, a canon of the Spital, to preach against the foreigners at the customary Easter sermon on Tuesday, 14th April. The trouble broke out on the May Day following, when the apprentices, journeymen and others, who had

gone "a Maying," attacked the foreigners and sacked their houses in Blanchapleton, near Fenchurch Street, and elsewhere. The riot assumed serious proportions, but was quelled by the Mayor, and 300 of the rioters were made prisoners. Lincoln and twelve others were hanged in Cheapside and various parts of the City, the fate of the rest being reserved, as the King suspected the City authorities of having connived at the outbreak. After much negotiation with Cardinal Wolsey, to whom Henry referred them, the Mayor and Aldermen, with the Companies clad in their best liveries, were ordered to attend the prisoners to Westminster Hall, where the King sat in great state to conduct their trial, on the 22nd May. The prisoners, men and women, who all appeared with halters round their necks, were pardoned by the King on the intercession of Queen Katherine and her sister Queens of France and Scotland.

Item for lxxxxj fot of elmy n bord for the stayre and the pyp of the draught [drain pipe] ij s. iiij d.

Item payed to the glasyar for glaseyng of a wendowe in alhallow church conteynyng lvj fot euy fot iiij d oþ and xxd mor in all som̄ xj s. iiij d.

This was a gift from the Company in graceful acknowledgment of the bond existing between them and the church in which their religious duties were performed. The above payment must be taken with that of 57s. for stained glass in the accounts for 1518-19, which seems to refer to the same window. The "images" there mentioned were no doubt those of the Assumption and St. Michael, and the arms those of the Company.

1517-18. **Item** rs̄ of Thom̄s norfolke for a fyn for making of holowar warse then the Master & wardens w' the hooll compayny hathe ordenet it to be mad & agayn the good rewells of the crafte xl s.

Item for the gayness [gains] of the mony for the ocqupeyng to the Sm̄ x s.

This entry from the Yeomanry accounts shows that in a modest way they invested their small balance, possibly as part of the larger sum so dealt with by the Masters. The word "occupying" signifies "use" or "employment."

1518-19. **The** rents ī fanchurche stret. **Item** rs̄ of John magson for the rent of the hows that he dothe dwell in geven to the crafte be m̄. gvattam prest for half a yer rent endit at Midsomer xx s.

Resepbed of Thomas Norfolke for potts of messor ware not beyng lawfull
messor xv s. ix d.

These were probably pewter "measures" for wine or ale, found not to be of true capacity.

Jfm of John Radysh for disse orderyng of hym self agaynst the master
& wardence v s.

rs^o of men of the crafte toward the byldyng of the mynores . xj s. x d.

Jfm glasyng of a wendowe at alhallow churche for the glase Images and
the armes in the same wendowe lvij s.

Jfm payed to master Gottame preste of pouls [priest of St. Pauls] for
the hows in fanchurche stret a quit rent for half a yer endyd at
mysdomer xiiij s. iiij d.

Jfm payed toward the byldyng of the mynnores deliued to the chambrleyn
of london xl s.

There appears to have been a general collection throughout the City towards rebuilding the Convent of the Nuns of the Order of St. Clare, known as Minoresses, at Aldgate. The Company obtained 10s. 10d. by contributions from their members (*see above*), and made up the sum to 40s., which they paid to the Chamberlain at Guildhall.

1519-20. of the rents in lymstret. **Jfm** **rs^o** of the howse the medwyf
dothe dwell for half yer vj s. viij d.

Rs^o of herry clarke for dissobedyence agaynst the master & wardence xij d.

Jfm **rs^o** of the same herry for revylyng of a broder of the clotheyng
xvj d. **Jfm** **rs^o** of John care for comyng to the stall of the sayd herry
geveyng hym occacion of vngoodly words iiij s. iiij d.

Jfm payed to lawrence bally for paveyng of xxiiij tasse xj s. viij d.

This is a term of superficial measure used in paving.

Jf^o Resseued of the gaynes of the bereyng of Rychard schettellworthe
ij s. [Yeomanry accounts.]

This 2s. was the excess of the sum left by the deceased or given by his friends for the burial over the amount actually spent by the Craft in tapers, &c.

1520-1. **Jfm** paid for iiij ft & a haulf of tyne & all of peke xvij d.

I can make nothing of this entry. If tin and peak are meant (and there is no other possible reading), their connection is most obscure.

Reperacions in lymstret. Payd for a pewpece of a stawll . . . viij d.

It paid to maister Gren Comyn sargaunt for his Cownsayll in our boke xx s.

1521-2. **Charge** agaynce the empour cuṁyng. **It** paid to a Carpnter for makyng the stondyng w^t rayles and pauyng the same grounde ayenst the Comyng in of the Emprovre xvij s.

This was Charles V, Emperor of Germany and King of Spain, who was in close alliance with Henry against France, and had also, in 1520, paid a short visit to England. He arrived in May, and was accompanied by the citizens in great state to Bridewell Palace, which had been prepared for his reception. This visit proved a costly one for the City and country, as the Emperor persuaded Henry to join him in invading France.

It paid to the wachmen that wayched at mydssom̄ ij s. viij d.

It paid ffor pwynts [points, *i.e.*, bows or ribbons] to the same watchmen ij d.

Itm payed to the Wardence of the Jemeure [Yeomanry] of them borowed be our predisessors psell of twenty pownd lent to the brege masters iij li. vj s. viij d.

This was a time of famine and pestilence. The 20*l.* lent in 1520 to the Bridge Masters was part of 1,000*l.* subscribed by the Companies for the purchase of wheat to be stored at the Bridge House for relief of the poor.*

It we aske to be allowed of xxv s layde out appon serten molds remayneng in the haul ffor them that wyll by them that ys to say a narro borded dysche molde weyng xxxviij li di. **It** a narro bordid savcer molde weyng xvj li di. **It** a valled by the fyllet saucer molde weyng xv li iij q̄. Sm̄ iij x li. **It** iij payre of Clams of yron weyng xxx li xxv s.

1522. This year the Company prepared and submitted to the King's high officers their bye-laws or ordinances in compliance with the Act

* History of the Tower Bridge and the Bridge House Trust, by C. Welch, 1894, pp. 96-100.

of 19 Henry VII, c. 7. The preamble states that through the non-ability of the Company to make any new provision for the control of the trade or of their members, much unruliness had arisen. This document is transcribed from the Jury Book, where it appears without date, but it is clear from the City records that it is of the year 1522. A marginal note, written apparently by a Clerk of the Company late in the seventeenth century is as follows:—"Ordinances made pursuant to y^e Statute of 19 H. 7. No date to y^m but as appears by the preamble they were made after y^e demise of that King." The initial letter is finely illuminated.

Jn THEYRE MOOSTE HUMBLE WYSSE. Shewen vnto youre good lordshipis the felowshipp of the poore crafte or misterye of pewterers within the Citie of london That where their predecessours diuerse tymes in the saide crafte or misterie before this tyme by reason of suche good ordenaunces and actes as haue bene made vsed and had amonge theym selfe haue honestly and quietly lyved and kepte the charges of their householdes vnto nowe of late that the moste noble kynge oure late soueraigne lorde kynge henry the vijth by auctoritie of his parliament holden at westmⁿ in the xixth yere of his reigne hath by an acte then made for dyuerse resonable causes expressed in the saide acte restrained all bodyes corporate from thexecucyon of suche ordenaunce and actes as they haue made amonge them selfe for the welthes of their saide bodyes corporate and for the good contynuaunce of the same vnto suche tyme as the same ordenaunce and actes ben examyned and approved by the Chauncelour and Tresourer of Englonde the chiefe Justice of etheir Benches or thre of them or before the Justice of assises in their circuite or progresse in the Shere where suche actes ordenaunce be made vpon payne to forfait x li for euery tyme that the doo the contrarye. by occasion of whiche restraynte dyuerse and many of the saide crafte or misterye beinge vnreasonable parsones haue nowe of late fallen in to greate disobedience to the greate hurte and inquietenese of the good and obediente psones of the same crafte or mysterye.

And also to the greate slaundere and rebuke of the saide crafte ffor remedye and reformacyon whereof youre saide Oratours in theyr moste humble wyse besechen youre good lordshipps that it maye please the same

of youre godly and charitable disposicion to take the payne to viewe see and consyder suche poore ordenaunces and actes as be vnder written whiche your said Oratours thynke and truste veraily well kepte shalbe a meane to brynge the saide crafte or mysterye in to their former astate of honestie quietnes and good obedience.

And furthermore that it may pleas youre said good lordships to examyne and approve all the saide ordenauncę or actes or as manye of them as by youre high discrecyons shalbe thought good for the good contynuance of the said poore crafte and mistery. And they and all their successours whiche shalbe hereafter vse the said crafte or mystery within the saide Citie shall accordinge to theyr dueties pray to almighty god for the longe prosperous contynuancę of your said good lordshipp in thys lyfe And afterward for the welth of you' soules.

ffor peauter
truly myxte
and sub-
stauncyallye
to be
wrought.

FIRSTE BE IT ORDEYNED that noo parsones of the crafte of Pewterers of the Cytie of london or lybertyes of the same fromehensforth shall make or cause to be made eny maner vessell or other stuff of pewter redy to be solde but only suche as shalbe truly myxte substancyally and workmanly wrought and so by the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beyngę allowed and adiudged. And also that the said vessell and stuff shall be marked with the marke of the workman therof to thentente it may be knowen of whoos makynge the seide vessell or stuff is vpon payne to forfait and paye for every pounce weight of all suche pewter so made redye to be solde as shall fortune to be founde vntrulye myxte or wrought or vnmarked oon peny the oon halfe therof allweys to be levyed and taken to thuse of the Mayre and Cōialtie of the Citie of london and the other halfe to thuse of the wardeyns Cōialtie of the saide crafte or mysterye of pewteres within the same cytie.

* Infamyę
and
slaunder by
bargaynes
Towchyngę
chevysaunce

AND WHERE AS before thys tyme hath growen vnto the said crafte greate infamyę and slaunder by occasion of vnlauffull bargaynes touchynge chevysaunce of and for pewter vessell made by soom parsones of the same crafte for their singuler profyte and aduauntage whiche neither regarded the honestie of the saide crafte nor it the highe displeasure of allmyghtye

* Marked "void" in a later hand.

god to the greate hevynes and inwarde sorowe of the good folkes of the same crafte. **WHEREFORE BE IT ORDEYNED** that fromhensforthe noo parsons of the saide crafte shall sell any pewter vessell to any parsons for chevysaunce wyttyngly vpon payne to forfaitte for euery hundereth pounce weyght soo solde . vj.s. viij.d. the moytie whereof to halfe to thuse of the said wardeyns and Comynaltie of Peauterers. And the thother moyte to be to thuse of hym or them that can or woll laufully prove any suche bargayne made for chevysaunce.

The forfaitte
for chevi-
saunce
makynge.

AND WHERE AS OF A LATE DAYES soom parsones of the saide crafte not considerynge theyr duetyes to be had to the same crafte nor the good cōtinuaunce therof haue for theyr singular aduauntage entertegned straungers borne oute of the kyngē obesaunce and haue suffered them to See the previties of the myxture of theyr peutre by occasyon wherof greate damage hath growen to the said crafte and more is lyke daily to doo to the greate hurte of the poore folkys of the same crafte yf remedy be not the sooner provyded. wherfore be it ordeneyed that no straunger beyng borne out of the kyngē obesaunce shall here after haue any recourse in to any suche place belongynge to any parsons of the sayde crafte where as the said straunger shall or maye haue knowledge or syght of the saide myxture And who so euer of the said crafte that shall hereafter suffre any suche straunger to haue recourse in to any suche place shall for euery tyme soo doynge duely proved forfaitte xx.s. to bedevided the oon halfe therof to be to thuse of Maire and Coialtie the other halfe thereof to thuse of the wardeyns and cominaltie of the saide misterye.

The forfaitte
for enter-
taignyng
of any
straungers.

ALSO BE IT ORDEYNED. that no man enfraunchysed in the saide crafte shall here after delyuer nor cause to be delyuerid by way of bargayne or sale any parcell of ware made of pewter aboue oon hundreth weight to any parsons Englisshman or Straunger or elles pakke convey or cary or cause to be pakked conveyed or caried any man suche wares to fayres or marketts to be solde before the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge or oon of them at the leste haue viewed seen and serched the saide wares to thentent the same wares shalbe good and substancyall in euery poynte soo that the kyngē Subiectys or other parsones bynging the said wares shall not be disceyved thereby vpon payne

The forfaitte
for wares to
be conveide
or caried
tyll they be
vyeued.

that euery parsonē that dothe the contrarye probably knowen shall forfaitē at euery tyme for euery hundereth weight iij s iij d the moytie of of the saide forfeiture to be taken and levyed to thuse of the saide Maire and Coiāltie and other moytie to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of peauteres.

The wares to be viewed by the master and wardeyns or by oon of them.

PROVIDED ALLWEYE that the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge or oone of them at the leaste vpon a reasonable requeste to them or any of them by any parsonē of the same crafte to be made shall come vyewe see and serche suche maner of wares as the owner entendeth to put sale or to sende or conueye to markettē or fayres to be solde. And yf the saide wardeyns and eny of them refuse that to doo then the owner to vse hys libertie with his saide wares thys ordenaunce not withstondynge.

The presentynge of apprentyces.

ALSO BE IT ORDEYNED that noo psone of the saide crafte shall fromhensforth take eny to be apprentyce to be bounde vnto hym before suche tyme as the said apprentyce be presented to the wardens of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge or oon of theyme at the leaste by hym that shalbe his maister to thentent it maye be knowen whether the sayde apprentyce be free borne or hoole of hys lymmes or not or haue eny other impedymēt whiche sholde be thought to the same wardeyns reasonable that he shulde not be bounde. And that the master of that apprentyce shall within vj weekes next after the sayd presentemente and takynge of the sayde apprentyce pay vnto the comen box of the saide crafte iij s towardys the reliefe and comfōrte of the coiāltie of the saide crafte. And that whosoouer of the saide crafte shall fortune to doo contrarye shall forfeite for euery tyme soo doinge iij s. iij d. to be levyed to thuse of the saide wardeyns ande comynaltie of the saide crafte or mysterye.

ffor takynge of apprentyce straungers.

ALSO be it ordeyned that noo psone of the saide crafte receyve or take eny to be hys apprentyce excepte he be an Englysshemans soon borne or elles borne in wales Irelande Cales or marches of the same or elles where vnder the kyngē obesaunce vpon payne to forfaitē x li for euery apprentyce receyved or taken to the contrarye the moyte of which forfeiture to be taken to thuse of the sayde Maier and Comynaltie and the other moyte to thuse of the wardeyns and comynaltie of the saide crafte.

ffor enty-
cynge of
apprentyce
or sarunte
from hys
master.

ALSO be it ordeyned that noo psone enfraunchised in the saide crafte entyce or procure any apprentyce or saruaunte of eny other parsone of the said crafte to departe frome the seruyce of hys master afore the saide apprentyce or Sarunte hath fully serued his terme of his apprentishode or saruyce vpon payne that euery parsone soo doynge and duely proved shall forfait and paye xls. to thuse of the saide wardeyns and cominaltye of the saide crafte.

ffor
apprentyce
& sarunte
that maye
sarwe wⁱⁿ
the same
crafte.

ALSO be it ordeyned that yf any parsone of the saide crafte whiche hath sarued hys yeres of apprentyshode with any parsone of the same crafte and maye haue a suffycient seruyce and reasonable wadge within the saide Citie of eny of the saide crafte and wyll not sarve but goo in to the contrey to seeke werke and sarvyce. And after that dothe come agayne in too the saide Citie to thentent to sarue that noo parsone of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge shall set hym oon werke vnto suche tyme as he have agreed and made a fyne with the master and wardeyns and assistaunce of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge for the same. And who soeuer that taketh eny suche parsone in to his sarvy contrarye to the acte shall forfait and pay. xl. s. to be taken and leviad to thuse of the saide wardeyns and coiältye of the saide crafte.

ffor takynge
& recey-
vynge of
apprentyce

AND WHERE as dyuerse occupacyons in the saide Citie haue amonge theym selffe dyuers good rules and orden^{ncs} concernynge the takynge of apprentyce to thētente the same apprentyce shall not soo encrease in nowmber but that they shulde be alwayes set in worke amonge theyr occupacyon whan they shall come oute of theyr termes of apprētyshode and not be compelled for necessity to seeke for theyr lyvyngē in other placys and to vse other occupacyons than they were brought vp in. And also where as dyuers psones of the saide crafte Peauterers of theyr coveteus myndys not regardyng the goode and honeste contynuaunce of the same crafte not regardinge the preferment and honestye lyvingē of the poore apprenticē cōmynge out of their apprentyshoddes but rather woll doo those actes that shall brynge them to extreme povertye or elles to vse soome other vyle and laboriouse occupacyons after they haue sarved their termes of apprentyshodes haue of late dayes for their

*[A good
p^ramble.]

* In a later hand.

syngular profytte and aduauntage taken in to theyr sarvyce soo many apprenticē that the nowmber of the said crafte is soo encreased that oon of them is not able honestelye to lyve by a nother And soom that haue bene apprenticē and spent theyr tymes of apprentyshode at thende of their termes haue been compelled for theyr lyvinge to vse other occupacyons bothe within the Cytie and without to theyr greate losse hurte sorowe and hynderaunce And also a Slaunder of the saide crafte.

The nowmber of apprentices to be taken.

FFOR REMEDYE whereof be it ordeyned that noo psonē of the same crafte beinge of the clothinge of the same crafte shall hereafter haue in saruyce as apprenticē aboute the nowmber of three at oone tyme. And that noo parsonē owt of the clothinge hereafter shall haue in hys saruice as apprenticē aboute the nowmber of two at oon tyme. And whosoeuer of the same crafte that doothe the contrarye to thys ordenaunce shall forfaitē for euery tyme offendinge the same ordenaunce ten poundys the moytie of the saide forfeiture to be taken and lewyed to thuse of the saide maire and coāltie and the other moytie to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of the saide crafte.

The forfeiture for hyerynge houses shoppys or stondyns at fayres or markette [^{*}over another man's head].

ALSO be it ordeyned that noo parsonē of the saide crafte shalbe any maner meane ffromhensforth hire oone other of the same crafte out of hys house or Shopp within the Citie of london or elles out from his stondynge place at fayres or marketts at any place within thys realme vpon payne to forfaitē euery tyme soo doynge provably founde xl s. the moytie whereof to be lewyed and taken to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of peauterers and the other moytye to be lewyed and taken to thuse of hym that shulde fynde hym grevid or take eny hurte by eny meanes of any thyngē expressed or mencyoned in thys article.

The forfeiture for delyfyngē of any pewter but to a freman or a broder of the same crafte.

ALSO be it ordeyned that no parsonē of the sayd crafte shall hereafter put or delyuer any maner of pewter to any parsonē or parsones to be wrought bot oonly to a freman or brother of the same crafte vpon payne to forfaitē at euery tyme that he soo doothe provably founde iij ſi the moytie whereof to be lewyed and taken to thuse of the saide Maire and Coāltie and the other moytie to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of Peauterers.

* In a later hand.

The forfait
for oppro-
brius and
evyll & vn-
convenyent
wordys.

* [for
slandering
any a one
another in
the Com-
pany.]

ALSO be it ordeyned that noo parsonē of the saide crafte shall from-
hensforth rebuke or revyle in open places or audyens any other parsonē of
the same crafte with any obprobrious evill vncouenient or vngoodly wordis
or accuse hym openly of any cryme to hys dishonestie or reproche excepte
the accuser haue good and resonable cause soo to doo and can and will
substancyally prove the same before the master and wardeyns with the
assistaunces of the sayde crafte for the tyme beyngē within xl dayes nexte
after suche mysbehavior supposed vpon payne to forfaitē at euery tyme soo
offendynge xx s. to be taken to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comyn-
altie of Peauterres.

To serche
fyve tymes
in the yere.

AND WHERE as the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for
the tyme beingē haue and doo vse comonly to serche bothe weightē
and wares belongynge to the saide crafte fyve tymes in the yere
and oftener as vnto them shalbe thought necessarye to thentent the
saide wares shulde kepe the true fynes and substancyall makyngē and
workmanshipp. And also the saide weightē their true weightē by
occasion whereof soom light and evyll disposyd parsones of the saide
crafte makyngē vessell of Stuff not truly fyned nor myxte and also
their vessell slyght and not substaūcially wrought and therof by the
master and wardeyns or soome of theym be founde giltye and also
vsyng nor kepyngē their true weightē and woll and doo mysorder often
tymes theym selffe towardys the saide master and wardeyns in their wordys
And also be disobedyent to theym in makyngē theyr serches And also soom
highe mynded and obstinate psones doothe mysuse hym selfe in his worde
in suche courtē as shall frome tyme to tyme be kepte amonge the saide
crafte for coīcacyon there to be had for the good order of the same crafte
therefore be it ordered that euery parsonē of the saide crafte whiche
hereafter shall fortune to mysorder hym selfe by hys wordys or
other wyse contrarye to Justyce and reason ayenste the saide master
and wardeyns for the tyme beyngē in makyngē the sayde serches
or in their saide courtē shall forfaitē for euery tyme offendynge thys
artycle and therof beyngē convicte xiijs. iiij d. to be taken and levied
to thuse of the sayde wardeyns and Coiāltie of peauterres.

* [for oppro-
brius words
in open
Court.]

* In a later hand.

ffor lauffulle
warynyng
by the
wardeyns or
the bedell.

Also be it ordeyned that when so euer and often as any parson of the saide crafte shalbe warned by the wardeyns or bedyll of the same crafte to come and appere at any certen houre and place if the parson so warned come not accordynge to suche warnynge but make defaulte and noo resonable excuse for suche psone had that then and soo often the same parson at euery tyme soo makynge defaulte shall forfait and paye xij d the same to be levied and taken to thuse of the wardeyns and Coiãltie of the sayde mysterye.

ffor Suet
or vexacyon
w'in same
crafte.

AND ALSO be it ordeyned that noon of the saide crafte shall hereafter suee or vex any other of the same crafte in any courte for any parsonall accyon or for any other cause where he maye haue hys reasonable remedye and redresse in the same accyon or cause by meanes of the master and wardeyns with thẽ assistauncẽ of the saide crafte vpon payne to forfait for eũy tyme doynge the contrarye xx s. the moytie whereof to thuse of the mayre and Coiãltie and the other moytie to thuse of the sayde wardeyns and Comynaltie of the saide crafte. Soo that alwayes remedye and redresse be lauffullye geuen to the complaynte by the saide master and wardeyns within xv dayes nexte after the sute of the complaynte to theym made or elles the complaynte to be at hi^s libertye thys ordenñce notwithstandinge.

ffor a oothe
to be taken
befor the
wardeyns
or thassist-
auncẽ.

Also be it ordeyned that noo man of the saide crafte shall entromitte medele or occupye the same crafte within the saide Citie nor libertyes of the same vnto suche tyme as he be sworne before the wardeyns and some of the thassistauncẽ of the same crafte and hathe taken the same othe that hathe bene vsed and accustomed to be taken in the same crafte vpon payne that euery parson doynge the contrarye shall forfait xl s. the same to be taken and levied to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Cominaltye of the saide crafte.

ffor re-
fusynge of
any offyce
when they
be elected
therto.

FFURTHERMORE be it ordeyned in case any parson of the saide crafte shall fortune hereafter to be electe and chosen to eny offyce within the saide crafte and after to refuse to excercyse the same offyce that then eũy suche parson so refusynge shall forfait fyve poundẽ the oon halfe to be levied and taken to thuse of the saide Maire and coiãltie and the othe^r halfe to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of peauterres.

[*For pay-
ment of
quartredge.]

ALSO THAT euery housholder within the saide crafte that is a freman or a broder of the same crafte shall pay for hys quartage as hathe bene accustomed that is to say¹ xvj d. euery yere.

ffor
openynge of
theyre
shoppys.

ALSO THAT EUY parsonē of the saide crafte that woll kepe house and open his shoppe for hym selfe shall paye for his openynge of his Shoppe as hathe bene accustomed tyme oute of mynde that is to saye ³vj s viij d. FFURTHERMORE be it ordeyned that the master and wardeyns of the said crafte or mysterye for the tyme beyngē shall yerely before the feaste of Saynt michell tharkangell make a clere accompte for the tyme that they haue bene in their sayde offyces of and for suche thinge as by reason of their officē haue and myght haue cōmen vnto theyr handys vpon payne to forfaitē for euery tyme that they shall make refusell therof agayne a reasonable requeste to theym to be made by their successours named to be wardeyns of the same crafte for the yere folowyngē xiiij s. iiij d. the same to be taken to thuse of the same wardeyns and cōialtie of the sayde crafte.

[*ffor the
giuinge
vppē
thaccompte
before
Michas.]

ffor redynge
of thys
orde-
naunces.

ALSO be it ordeyned that fromhensforth for euer more the master and wardeyns for the tyme beyngē of the said crafte shall oone tyme euery quarter in the yere at the leaste in the hall belongynge to the saide felowship called the peauteres hall redde or doo to be redde all the articles aboue saide to and before the mooste parte of the ffellowshipp of the saide crafte to thentent that noo parsonē of the saide felowshipp shall pretende ignoraunce concernynge the saide articles vpon payne that euery of the saide master and wardeyns at euery quarter makynge any defaulte in thys behalfe shall forfaitē to thuse of the wardeyns and Comynaltie of Peauteres vj s. viij d.

ffor gader-
inge of
forfaitures
penalties
& other
sōmes of
moneye.

ALSO be it ordeyned that all maner of forfeitures penalties Sōmes of money whiche shall fortune to be forfayted by force and vertue of suche ordenncē and articles as aboue be expressed shalbe levyed and gadered by the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beyngē to the seuerall vses aforesaide. And yf any master wardeyne

¹In a later hand.

²This amount is altered by a 17th century scribe above the line and in the margin to ij s.

³This amount is similarly altered to iij s. iiij d.

⁴This is written in a later hand.

or wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beyngē doo not hereafter weele and truly execute all and euery the saide ordenaunce aboute written accordyngē to the tenure and effecte of the same that then the sayde forfaitures penalyties or somēs of money shalbe leviēd and taken vpon euery of the saide master and wardeyns for the tyme beingē to thusēs a bove saide.

ffor
quarterages
amercyamentē
and fynys to
be payd.

ALSO FOR THE PARFORMAUNCE of all and singuler the ordenaunce before rehersed BE IT ORDEYNED that euery parsonē occupyenge the saide crafte of peauterers within the Citie of london or fraunchises of the same that offendith in any article of thordenaunce aforesaide of hys frowarde disposicyon or otherwyse refuse to pay his quarterage or eny other fyne forfeiture amercyament or penalitie afore saide or disobeye any article or ordenaunce herein expressed. That then it shalbe liefull to the Master and wardeyns of the same crafte for the tyme beingē at euery tyme that they shall fynde theym selfē grevyd in any of the premyssys to enter in to the house of eūy suche parsonē or parsones that offendyth as is above saide. And ther for the forfeiture in not parformyngē any of the saide articles to take a distresse and the same dystresse soo taken liefully to bere and cary a way and the same to deteigne and kepe vnto suche tyme as the parsonē offendyngē any of the saide articles hath payed hys forfeiture concernyng the same article.

[*To take
a distress.]

ffor bryngē-
yngē in the
indentures
of appren-
tice.

ALSO BE IT ORDEYNED that eūy parsonē of the saide mysterye havyng any apprentyce shall within oone monethe nexte after that he hath taken any suche apprentyce bringe in the oone parte of thendenture wherby the said apprentyce is bounde in to the hall of the saide companye to thentent the Master and wardeyns and the assistaunce of the same companye for the tyme beingē maye knowe howe and what tyme the saide apprentyce shulde cōme out of hys terme of yeres soo that a maye appere that noo man take any moo apprentyce then hys nowmber and he that doothe the contrary shall forfaitē and paye xx s. for a fyne for euery tyme soo doynge to be devydid as is a fore saide that is to saye the oone halfe therof to be to thusē of the saide Maire and Comynaltie and the other halfe to be to thusē of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of the sayde mysterye.

* In a later hand.

A feature of much interest in the above Ordinances is the increased stringency of the regulations for apprenticeship. Apprentices were to be presented to the Wardens before being bound, and none were to be accepted who were not of sufficient strength for work. They must be of English parentage. As the number of apprentices had unduly increased and not sufficient work could be found for them when they came out of their time, each liveryman was restricted to three and each freeman to two apprentices.

1523-4. *Wher* of lat the Craft hath benne sore chargyd by the reason of lone of the moneye for the kyngs Grace wher for the Master and Wardynce for that tym beyng was compellyd to laye the plat that wase in this howse to plege to make moneye and so deliued it to duse psons as appereth be dyuce bylls endentyd ther of amonge al other ther was layd out ij doseyn & vij spunes wherof ther was bylls in endenttyd in lyke wys the ptis that hade them to plege hath brought them to vs & deliued them clerly w^t out any money payeyng for them & the bylls endenttyd brokyn thay lyst not be a knowen nor schall not be ffor vs but god reward them.

The French invasion proved a costly matter, and the City was required to furnish the King with 100,000*l.* The Companies were called upon to surrender their plate, of which a valuation was made by Wolsey's order. It does not appear that the plate was actually taken to the Royal Mint at the Tower "there to be coyned" as was at first ordered, and the payment by the City was eventually reduced to 20,000*l.* Other loans were soon exacted by Wolsey until the citizens took courage to refuse the extortionate demands, and the King was compelled to call a Parliament.

Itm. to the wex chandyller for werkmāchepe of vij ft j qr ^l and vj ft & di of newe wex put ther to at viij d the ft iiij s iiij d the workmanschep of the old vij ft & qr ^l vij d. **Itm** mor for ij half ft tapers to stond on the awter viij d v s. vij d.

Itm payed for paveyng in fanchurche stret at the howsyng geven by \bar{m} gottam for iij lood of ston to pave w^t the carage and all iiij s. **Itm** a lod of gravell iiij d. **Itm** for the paveyng of ix tasse & a half v s. iij d. ix s. vij d.

Itm payed for ij skynnes of vellome for our Rolments to be wrytten in xvj d.

Itm Reseyued of the be guest of willm Bennet for the fraternyte of the said batchelers deliued by the hande of his excecutors ij spounes of Sylu on whos Soull god haue merci amen. [Yeomanry accounts.]

William Bennett, described in the accounts for 1547-9 as "Wyllyam hulson alies bennytt," was a pewterer on Tower Hill.

Itm payed for fetcheyng of a bill out of the Sprituall court for our wex to m^r longe viij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

So the Reseyte excedithe the payemente of this Accompt whiche remaineth to our Successors John Scherwyn John Eúad & clemet kelyngworthe in money & plegs xvij li. iij s. vij d. wher of ther remaineth in the hande of the sayd clemet x s. the masters hande that was lent to the masters of the bregehows iij li. vj s. viij d. also that the masters had for the lone on Steyn plege as aperethe by a byll therof ix li. vj s. viij d. & in money iij li. & iij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

Be it Rememberd that ther remainethe to our Successors iij torches weyng lj lb. & j qttē and iij lb. of weke and also in pollyn wex lxxiiij lb. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1524-5. Rents at tour hill. **Itm** r^s of the marynar for a holl yers rent endyd at mydsonⁿ xs. **Itm** r^s of the hows wylsons wyf dwelt in for iij q^rt^r vj s. vj d. on q^rt^r voyde. **Itm** r^s of the hows the osteler dwelt in xs. **Itm** r^s of the hows that okys of the stewe keye dwelt in xvij s. **Itm** r^s of brown the laborer for a yers rent xs. **Itm** r^s of Sampson for the garthyng [garden] rent for iij q^rts v s. on q^rt^r voyd **Itm** r^s of the hacnayeman for a holl yers rent v s. **Itm** r^s of a wedowe for the hows next for a yers rent v s. **Itm** r^s for the hows mather forest dwellyth in viij s. **Itm** for the hows that mad mawd dwellyth v s. **Itm** r^s of father steven for holl yers rent xiiij s. viij d. iij ti xvij s. ij d.

The Company's Tower Hill tenants would seem from the above list to have been more numerous than profitable. Mad Mawd, the Hackneyman, and the widow paid much less than the rest of the tenants. They probably occupied smaller tenements.

1525-6. *Jfm* Delivered to the wax chandyller in old wex w^t iiij Image iiij angells and the pynnys or styks weyng all xxj^{tt}. *Jfm* r^s in newe wax v tapers iiij Image iiij angells w^t the bolls and Symon xxv ^{tt} & di and mor ij tapers of ij ^{tt} Som of newe wex xxvij^{tt} & di for the werkman of xxj ^{tt} e^uy ^{tt} j d. xxj d. and for vj ^{tt} & di of new out ryght e^uy ^{tt} viij d. Sm iiiij s. iiiij d. for payntyng iij d. vj s. iiiij d.

This was for the festival decoration of the Company's private altar at Allhallows, which must have made a brave show. It is not clear what "the four angels with the bowls and Symon" were.

1526-7. *ffennes.* *Jfm* r^s for a fyne for Salts vn markte xij d. *Jfm* r^s of willm aprise for a fyn for deli^uying vessell vn markyt w^t his towch acordyng to the ordynance v s. *Jfm* payed for a gardynar iij dayes viij d a day. ij s. *Jfm* payed to a Carpenter for iij dayes di viij d. a day ij s. iiiij d.

The four following entries are from the Yeomanry accounts.

Jfm payd for ij allmes torchys weyng xxxvj lb. Sm ix s. viij d. *Jfm* payd for making of the branche weyng xxxiiij lb. di at a j d. a lb. warkema²schyp ij s. ix d. ob. *Wd* put ther to in powllyn waxe xix lb. *Jfm* payd for iiiij treys to the same lyght xij d.

1527-8. *Jfm* Reseyved of Ser Robrt Astlyn Subden of Poulls for to by howsyng to kep an obit for hym of xx s. by the yer xl fi. *Jfm* R^s of the yong mens box of the Crafte toward the lonne for the brege hows to by Corne vj fi. xiiij s. iiiij d. *Jfm* Reseyved of gaynce of Tynn bought withe the money reseyved of Ser Robrt astlyn Subdene of Poulls as is a for Sud [aforesaid] to the proffet of the crafte xxv s. *Jfm* payed to the maires Sergeant for ij dayes to Serche a mong the habbardasshers iij s. iiiij d. *Jfm* for met & drynke for thos ij dayes for the Sergeant and the company that went w^t hym iij s. iiiij d. vj s. viij d.

The Sergeant was an officer of the Lord Mayor who went with the Company during their Searches and had the power of arresting offenders. He was retained by a yearly fee, and gave his attendance also at the Court meetings.

Jfm for the carage of the Saltsellers that was take a monge the haberdashers to the yeld hall ij d.

fferst for makyng of the branche of wex cōteynyng vij grete tapers w^t lity pottē and branchies with bowllē of wex that is to say of the olde stocke of wex xxxij li di and in newe wex xxxj di sm̄ lxiiij li at peny the pound wormanshipp Sm̄ v s. iiij d. the newe wex v d. the pound sm̄ xiiij s. jd. ob. xviiij s. v d. ob.

This and the four following entries are from the Yeomanry accounts.

Jf payd for iiij deellē that the tables wer made of and carage of them to thall [the hall] xiiij s. iiij d.

Jf payd to ij workemen that wrought and made the sayd tables for ix days worke xij s.

Jf for ledgies glewe wex hespys and naylys for the said tables . ij s. iiij d.

Jf for payntyng of the said tables vj s. viij d.

1528-9. Gasarzes [necessaries]. **Jfm** payed for the boke of acts of parlment iiij d. **Jfm** for Skyn of pchement iiij d. **Jfm** for ynke & pap jd. ob. **Jfm** for the carage of the Salts frō the yeld haull ij d. xj d. ob.

Wd that ther is left in the hands of me lord of battells bally of forfyt mettall takyn at whye [Wye] fayre be the warden and Seche as rod w^t hym C di & xiiij li. **Jfm** left in the hands of Port Ryves at maydston also of forfet mettall C j q̄r^l v li. **Jfm** left in the hands of John Champneye of fevsame of forfett mettall C j q̄r^l. iiij C xix li.

On the last folio of the first Audit book is the following curious note by the stationer: "Anno Domini 1530 Johan Gowgh stationer bond thys bok—thys tyme was moch to do for the word of god yet shal it euer endewer—cōtented ijs. And that yere dyed the sumptuous hye cardynal thomas wolse in leyceter the x day of Nouembre a gret psecut^l. Celū et terram [sic] trāsibunt verba mea autem manebit verbū

Domini manet In eternū." The Latin words are an ungrammatical jumble intended as a quotation of Matthew, xxiv, 35, followed by the Stationers' Company's Motto.

1530-1. Among the pledges held this year by the Company for debts owing by members are the following:

Item xij molds of Poull alyсандers that lyethe for . . . v li. iij s. iiij đ.

Item rest in Thoñs Curtē hands for the sporyar [spurrier] . . . xx s.

It may be well to transcribe the whole statement of the Company's receipts for rent during this year, as they give an interesting view of the rents paid at this period by different classes of tenants in the City of London.

Rents in the Pultrye. ffirst Reseyued of John Wendyn Grosser [grocer] for a holl yers Rent of the hows he dothe dwell in endid at mid-somer v li. Reseyued of John hardyng in the same Rents for a holl yer at mydsomer xxvj s. & viij đ. Rs of John bake^r in the same Rents for a yer at mydsoñ xxvj s. viij đ. . . Sm vij li. xij s. iiij đ.

In Saint Denis [Dionis] Pish. **Item** Reseyued of m^r magson for a holl yers Rent endid at mydsoñ xls. **Item** Rs of harmstrong for a hooll yer at mydsoñ xxx s. iij li. x s.

Lympstref. **Item** Rs of Ros wedow for a holl yer at mydsomer xij s. iiij đ. **Item** Rs of howdyn wedow for a holl yer xij s. iiij đ. **Item** Rs of fox Skynnar [skinner] for a holl yer at mydsoñ xij s. iiij đ. **Item** Rs of the cart^r [carter] for a hooll yer endyd at mydsoñ xij s. iiij đ. **Item** of Watson the cordwynnare [cordwainer] for a hooll yer endyd at mydsoñ xij s. iiij đ. iij li. vj s. viij đ.

Rents at crepilgat. **Item** Reseyued of Henry Capper for Rent of his Howse for a hooll yer endyd at mydsoñ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of John Huntlaye for a holl yer endyng at mydsoñ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of John Hert for a holl yer at mydsoñ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of John Hunt for a holl yer at mydsoñ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of Rob^t pem^rbrton for a holl yer at mydsoñ viij s. **Item** Rs of Williā stevence for a yer at mydsoñ vj s. viij đ. xlvj s. viij đ.

Item Reseyued of Willm Jacket for a yer at mydsoñ x s. **Item** Reseud of esabeth honylowe for a holl yer at mydsoñ vj s. viij đ. **Item** Rs?

Willm Sampson for a yer at mydsomⁿ vj s. viij d. **I^tm** Rs of elysabeth bottell sone for a holl yer vj s. viij d. **I^tm** Rs elyn hatfeld payed be pelborowe for a yer vj s. viij d. **I^tm** Reseyud of willm haynes for ij howsses xxvj s. viij d. iij l. iij s. iij d.

S^m of all the howlle Rents ys xx li.

G^o of Thom^s curts in pt of xx s. for the sporyar v s.

I^tm Brought in this yer in moneye of gaynce of Teyn bought and Sold agayne wt moneye of the crafte to the a vantage of the Somⁿ of xl s.

In the list of payments of quarterage the Yeomanry are described as "yong men."

f^{irst} payed for Barge hire whan the mayre went to westmenster to take his othe xijs. iij d. **I^tm** payed to the barge men to drynk viij d. **I^tm** payed for the company that dynt at our haull xx s. **I^tm** payed for iij quarters of colls ijs. **I^tm** for half a C of fagot xx d.

xxxvj s. viij d.

I^tm payed at allhallow for mase on our lady day and dirge at nyzght and mase on the morn to the pish prest viij d. **I^tm** to ij prests xij d. to the sexsteyn iij d. to the clarke ijs. iij d. **I^tm** to churche wardens for the ornamēts xx d. **I^tm** for a kynderkyn of ale for dirge ijs. **I^tm** for a chese xij d. ob. **I^tm** for Spice bred iij s. vj d.

xij s. vj d. ob.

I^tm payed to the þor and covnt of Cheksand a rent out of the howsyng in the pultre p by the hands of Doctur freman for a holl yer endyng at mydsomer iij li.

to the
Subden of
poulls for
m^r gottam

I^tm payed to sr Robet Astlyn Subden of poulls for an obit to be kept for m^r gottam for a holl yer endyng at mydsomⁿ xxvj s. viij d.

To m^r
Subden for
hym Selfe

I^tm payed to m^r astlyn Subden a quitrent for a holl yer endyng at mydsomⁿ for an obit to be kept for hym xx s.

I^tm payed to the Abote and covent of barmsay for an obit for Serell kept the xvij of nouem^br iij s. iij d.

I^tm for cutyng of the vyn in the gartheyng vj d. and for drysyng of the herbe iij d. and for Rods & poulls iij d. **I^tm** payed for drysyng of the gartheyng x d. xxij d.

Jfm payed be Thoms curte to m walshyngham for goyng w^t vs to claron Sewe [Clarencieux] a crown of v s. **Jfm** payed to masters garters suand [servant] for goyng w^t vs to on Alysander a payter w^t his masters boke of armes to mend our banner xij d. **Jfm** payed to the sayd alysander for payntyng and makyng the Right armes vj s. viij d. **Jfm** to Richemond harot of armes to haue consell xij d. for drynk when we went about that bessynes vij d. xiiij s. iij d.

Jfm payed to Docraye the smythe for a keye for the colhowse dore iij d. **Jfm** for mendyng of a loke of the seller dor ij d. **Jfm** for a henge for the dore goyng in to the well weyng x ll xv d. **Jfm** for a henge and ij hoks for the wendow w^t out crepilgat weyng v ll vij d. ob. **Jfm** for a garnet for the seller dore at hall iiij d. **Jfm** for ij happis and ij gogyns and wynche for the well weyng iiij ll di ix d. **Jfm** for a loke for the weket of the great gat at the haul ij d. **Jfm** for a nold henge for the wyndow at crepillgat ij d. **Jfm** for a hasp & a stapyll for a wyndowe j d. **Jfm** payed for a new boket for the well ijs. iiij d. vij s. xj d. ob.

Jfm payed for iiij bowmen for the maire at mydson ij s. viij d. **Jfm** for poynts ij d. for a cheffe of arowyse [sheaf of arrows] xij d. iij s. xd.

Jfm for hoppyng of a great tob of the haul iiij d. **Jfm** for makyng clen of the harnese [armour] viij d. **Jfm** for washyng of the cotts [coats] iiij d. **Jfm** for mend of the bage to ber in the weyghts viij d. ijs.

M^d that on Robrt Skolls deptyt out of citi w^t wyf & goods at mydson the yer of our lord god m^vxxxxj w^tout any lycence of the master and wardence of the crafte of pewterers or of the holl company of the same.

This is one of three memoranda, out of date, inserted on a blank page at the end of the accounts for 1496-7.

1531-2. **Jfm** brought in the yer for the gayns of Teyn that was bought & sold agayn w^t the crafts moneye the S^m xxxvj s. ij d.

Jfm payed to a gardenar for viij dayes and a half vj d. a daye iiij s. iij d.

Jfm payed to the bediff for met & drynke for the gardnar ijs. ix d.

Jfm payed to the same gardnar for a day & half viij d. a day xij d.

Jfm payed to a nother gardnare for ij days & half xix d. **Jfm** payed

a gardenar for setting of herbes and sowynge seds x d. *Itm* payed for herbis to set & seds to sowe ijs. ob. *Itm* payed for poulls for the herbes & Roods to bynd w^t ijs. ij d. xiiij s. vij d. ob.

To a
Carpent^r for
Rayling &
bordynge the
gartheyng

Itm payed for xxij fott of Tembr for the Raylls & posts vnder the Raylls euy fott the pris ij d. iij s. viij d. *Itm* sawyng of the same tembr xij d. *Itm* for xij q^rts euy q^rt ij d. ij s. *Itm* for ix q^rts price of a pece j d. ob. xiiij d. ob. *Itm* for v C of planch borde euy C ijs. x d. xiiij s. ij d. *Itm* for half a C of quart^r bord the price therof xvij d. *Itm* for ij carpenters for a day at viij d. a day a man xvj d. *Itm* for ij carpenters for iij dayes werk and half iiij s. viij d. *Itm* for a carpent^r for on day viij d. *Itm* for a carpent^r ij dayes and a nother a day ij d. *Itm* for mendyng of the fot of the seller stayre iiij d. *Itm* for v C of vj penne naylls & v penne naylls ijs. *Itm* payed for drynke j d.

Som^e of all chargs of the gartheyng xlix s. j d. ob.

Repacions
at crepilgate

Itm payed for a half a C of planche bord & di C of q^rt^r borde ijs. viij d. *Itm* payed for cc & xx fott of borde vjs. vj d. *Itm* payed for iiij q^rt^re ij d. a pece viij d. *Itm* payed for ij jests xvj d. *Itm* payed for vj C of vj pene naylls v d nayll & iiij pene naylls ijs. ij d. *Itm* payed to carpenter for v dayes viij d. a day iij s. iiij d. *Itm* payed for a lood of tell [tile] v s. iiij d. *Itm* payed for v lood of lym x d. a lod iiij s. ij d. *Itm* payed for ij lood of Sande xij d. *Itm* payed for a C of lath viij d. & m^h of Rof naylls iiij d. xij d. *Itm* payed for tell pence [tile pins] iij d. & ij lod of lome viij d. xj d. *Itm* for a C of lathe vij d. & for a m^h & di of spryg ix d. xvj d. *Itm* for a dawbber & his laborer for iiij dayes iiij s. iiij d. *Itm* payed to a laborer to cary out Robysh for a daye v d. *Itm* payed to a carter for caryng a waye iiij load Robysh viij d. *Itm* payed to a tellar & his laborer for ix dayes ix s. ix d. *Itm* payed to a plomer for xix tt of Sawder viij s. ij d. *Itm* payed for drynke and fyre for the plomer vij d. *Itm* payed for beryng of tell from the haull to crepilgat iiij d. *Itm* payed for a keye for a looke iij d.

Sma iiij s. x d.

Itm payed the same day [20 Feb.] for dynnar for master & the wardens w^t certeyn of the plement howse of our company vjs. vj d.

- Itm** payed the same day [23 Feb.] for dynnar at the kyngs hede in fletstret for the kyngs atarnaye the kyngs Celister mr cromwell the master and wardens Royedon & mylls ix s.
- Itm** on seint mathewes even payed for dynnar at the kyngs hed in fletstret for the kyngs atornaye mr. Cromwell Sr Willm Polyet master northe mr Rowse mr and the wardens and mo of the company whan they had comyncacion for our booke cost xxvj s. viij d.
- Itm** gave to me lord of the great Seall to be good to vs a hogghed of claryed wyne cost xls.
- Itm** also mad a dynnar to hym to mr atorneye mr cromwell mr Riche mr. northe & gefford and a nother xiiij s. iiij d.
- Som spend at parlment xj ti. xiiij s. j d.
- 1532-3.** **Itm** Rs of Clement kelyngworth for setting a ffloren a wark by the space of vj weks contrary to the good rewells v s. **Itm** Rs of the sayd clement for vngoodly words spokyn a gaynst Nicolas peke in opyn awdyence of peple v s. **Itm** Rs of the sayd Nicolas peke for Revylyng of the sayd clement kelyngworthe in lykwyse v s. **Itm** Rs of the wedowe lat pyes wyff iiij d. **Itm** Rs of Thom's fowll for Dissobedyence xx d. **Itm** Rs of Walter maykyns for vngoodly wordys spokyn a gaynst Thom's fowst som tym his master xx d. **Itm** Rs of v psons that com not to the place a poyntyt wan they warned by the bedyll that is to saye henry clark Thom's macham Willm hustwayt John Wencelow John palm x d. xix s. vj d.
- ffirst** payed for the Barge hire whan the maire went to westmenster to take his othe xvj s./ **Itm** payed the ij stewards for the dynnar of them that dynt not at the yeld haul xxij s./ **Itm** payed for wod & colls iiij s. j d. ij ti ij s. j d.
- Itm** payed whan the quene was fette fro grenwytche to the Duke of norfolke bargeman for the barge xxij s./ **Itm** payed to henry clarke that he layd out and spendyd on the Duks s'vands after we had hired the barge or we coude haue it vj s. iiij d. **Itm** payed for the barge-mance brekfast viij d. **Itm** payed for a kenderkyn of ale ij s. **Itm** for bred vj d. **Itm** payed to the bargemen for a Reward ij s. **Itm** to the bedyll to lambet to fetche barge ij d. **Itm** payed to John abbot

carpenter for makyng of our standyng in cornelle xjs..

ij fi iiij s. viij d.

This large sum was spent by the Company as their part of the magnificent welcome given by the Corporation and all the Guilds to Henry's new Queen, Anne Boleyn, who passed through the City on the 31st May, the day before her Coronation at Westminster. Three pageants were prepared, and the Pewterers among the other Companies attended both in their barge on the river and in their "Standing" in Cornhill.

Itm payed for a tabill and p [pair] of trystell for the lyttell plor iiij s.

Itm payed for a longe Junet forme of wayn skot for the same ij s.

Itm payed for a carpet for the same tabyll iiij s. iiij d.

Itm payed for a crusyfex for the Jure booke iiij s.

Itm payed to a glasyer for mendyng of the glas wyndows in the haul that wer broukyne & setyng them close vij s. vjd.

Itm payed to the coleturs [collectors] after xv & halfe x s.

This was the Company's proportion of a general tax upon the City of one fifteenth and a-half.

Itm payed for iiij men to wayt on the maire at mydsonn w^t bowe and arowys ij s. viij d. & makyng of tha harnese clen xx d. iiij s. iiij d.

Itm payed for iiij harest men at mydsonn ij to the maire & ij to m martyn shereff ix s. iiij d.

Itm payed for a doss of tronchers was geven to m northe iiij s.

Itm payed for dynnar of viij psons the xvijth of february iiij s.

Itm spent at broks apon abbot of taystoke ij s.

Itm payed for dynnar at hornnars for the m & vij psons moo ij s. vjd.

Itm payed for a pottell of ipocryse for to geve To master Cromwell. and the kyngs atornaye xx d.

Itm payed on sonday for bot hire for vs broke & eued to me lord chanceler iiij d. & spent at broks iiij d. viij d.

Itm payed on wedynsday from the duke of soffolke to the court iiij d. & from westmenster w^t m northes clark to bryd well ij d. and after dynnar to the court & from y^e court iiij d. x d.

Itm payed for a gowrnard [gurnet] for the duke of soffolke ij s. viij d. and for a pyeke [pike] and an ell iiij s. viij d. vij s. iiij d.

Item payed to a man to bere the same pent [present] v d.
Item payed for a dos^s tronchers for my lord lattymer iiij s.
Item payed to master northes clark for bott hire to fetch the leeg
 [league] betwen france & yngland iiij d.
Item payed for a marche payne & v pyes of orangegs for the kyngs atornaye
 and mⁿ northe iiij s. viij d.

A marchpain or march-pane was one of the triumphs of the cook's art in former times. It was a sweet cake or confection made of pistachionuts, almonds, sugar, &c. It was in high esteem in Shakespeare's time, as appears from the account of Queen Elizabeth's entertainment at Cambridge. It is said by Peck (*Desiderata Curiosa*, vol. ii, p. 29) that the University presented Sir William Cecil, their Chancellor, with two pairs of gloves, a march-pane, and two sugar-loaves.

Oranges were a very scarce fruit in Henry VIII's reign, and an "orange pie" was a costly dish fit for presentation to a man in high position.

Item payed to mⁿ Clarencious kyng of arme of the sowthe pertys of yngland for to conferme our patent newe iiij li. vj s. viij d. **Item** payed for viij yerds of fyne blewe Sersnet iiij s. vj d. yerd xxxvj s. vj d. **Item** payed to gatts the paynter staynner for making of the ij stremers and the banner for staynyng and freng [fringe] w^t all manⁿ of werkman-shep to the same belongyng iiij li. xiijs. iiij d. **Item** payed to his servands to drynke ijd. **Item** payed to a man to mak the banner staves longer xij d. **Item** payed to a sadiller to sennewe them glewe xvj d. **Item** payed for a case to put in our pattent of armes viij d. viij li. xix s. viij d.

There was an earlier Grant of Arms, of which few particulars are preserved. It is mentioned in the earliest Account, that of 1451-2 (p. 17), and in more detail in the inventory following the Account of 1455-6 (p. 19). The arms engraved on the seal provided after the charter of incorporation was obtained, in 1473-4 (p. 39), are identical with those at present in use, but are flanked on either side by a lily-pot, the Company's old emblem. The present grant seems, therefore, to have been nothing more than a confirmation. It is beautifully written and illuminated, as will be seen in the fac-simile opposite. The text of the document is as follows:—

ffor renew-
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of the
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To all present and to come which these present letters shall see or here, I Thomas Benolt ats Clarendiaux kyng of armes of the Sowth Est and west parties of this Realme of England from the Ryuer of Trent southward, sendith due humble Recōmendacion and gretynge in oure lord god euerlastyng Equite willith and reason ordeynith that the vertuose men and of honest occupaciōn be by their meritē renumered & rewarded in this worlde & to be in ppertuall memorye for their good and vertuose name and fame, and their successors after theym for euermore, wherefore I the said Clarendiaux kyng of armes aforesaid consideryng the honest demeanour and good gouernaunce of the company mistery felawship and crafte of Pewterers of this noble cite of london hath been of olde tyme, and yett contynowed in good name and vertuose fame, so that the said company and ffelawship haue ryght well defued to haue signes and tokens of armes gyuen and graunted to their said cōpeny, to be shewed att tymes and places conuenyent in the laude and praysyng of the said ffelawship and company, And for as moche as Thomas Chamberleyne master of the said worshipfull crafte and compeny of pewterers, John Roydon and John Keneston wardeyns of the same company of Pewterers aforesaid hath required and desired me the said kyng of armes to gyue and graunte vnto them Armes, vnder the Seale of myne armes, and in consideracion of their honeste and vertuose disposicion the kyng our soueraigne lorde pceyued to be in them dyd gyue and graunte vnto the said company their incorporacion to vse their liberties amonge them selues. Wherefore they be the more worthy to haue tokens of honour and noblesse to their said crafte and ffelawship I the said kyng of armes consideryng their request to be Juste and reasonable by auctoritie and power to myne office annexed confermed and graunted by the kyngē Royall maiestie henry the eīght by the grace of god kyng of Englonde and of ffrance Defensor of the ffeith and lorde of Irlandē &c. by expresse wordē in his tres patentē vnder his greate seale &c. I the said Clarendiaux kyng of armes aforesaid haue gyuen graunted ordeyned and assigned vnto the said ffelawship crafte and company of pewterers the blason and armes folowyng. That is to say asure a chiueron gold betwene iij stryke siluer, vpon the chiueron three Roses gueules their stalkē buddes and leues vert, as it

aperith in this margent, and in their Stremer oure lady assumption powdred with lyllye pottē and stryke with their worde accustomed. To haue and to holde to and for the said felawshippe crafte and compeny of pewterers, and their Successors for eūmore, withoute any impediment lett or interupcion by any kyng of armes or any other psonē. In wytnes wherof I the said Clarenciaux kyng of armes of the South Est and west parties in maner abouesaid hath signed these presentē lettres patentē w^t myne owne hande, and sett ther vnto the Seale of myne armes, yeuen at london the xxvj day of maye in the yere of our² lorde god mcccc^oxxxiiij, and in the xxv yere of the Reign of our said souueraign lord kyngē henry the eight.

Clarencieux king of armes.

The important object which the Company had in view in approaching Parliament this year (*see* pp. 123-6) is seen in the following Statute, 25 Henry VIII, c. 9. It confirms the previous Acts, and confers many additional powers for preventing the importation of foreign pewter, which was threatening serious competition with the justly prized home manufacture. The value to the Company of this wide-reaching Act is shown by their re-printing it in 1741, and explains the extraordinary efforts in the way of presents and payments to statesmen, officials, and subordinates which seem to have been necessary to procure it.

Petition.

In their most lamentable wise shown, and pitteously complain unto the Kings most Royal Majesty, and to this most high Court of Parliament, the Kings most humble, poor, and obeysant Subjects, the Master, Wardens, and poor Fellowship of the Craft and Mystery of Pewterers, as well of the City of LONDON, as of all other Places within this Realm of ENGLAND; That where the said Craft or Mystery before this hath been one of the best Handicrafts within this Realm, which hath not only grown and continued by mean of diuers good Acts and Statutes made for the true Exercise of the same; whereof one was made in the 19th Year of the Kings most Renowned Father, whose Soul God pardon. And one other was made in the fourth Year of the Kings most victorious Reign, concerning the Crafts of Pewterers, and Brasiers; of and for the truer making, mixing, and selling of good and true Pewter, and brasen Vessels. And also for exercising and using of true Weights and Beams,

to be occupied by the Sellers of any such pewter or brasen Vessels, within this Realm, so that none of the Kings Subjects, nor any other Person, should (by any Sale of any false mixed brasen and pewter Vessel, or any untrue Weights) be deceived, as by the said Statutes more plainly doth appear.

Which good Statutes duly put in Execution, hath caused the said Craft to increase, and multiply, to the great Profit and Utility of a great Number of the Kings Subjects; and the Commodity of Pewter Vessel much to be had in Reputation, in all strange Regions and Countreys, until now of late, divers evil disposed persons, being the Kings Subjects born, which have been Apprentices and brought up in the Exercise of the said Craft of Pewterers; have now of late, for their singular Lucre, repaired into strange Regions and Countreys, and there do exercise the said Craft of Pewterers, teaching Strangers, not only the Cunning of mixing and forging of all Manner of Pewter Vessel, but also do teach all Things belonging to the said Craft of Pewterers; by Means whereof, there is not only brought (daily into this Realm) out of strange Regions to be sold, great Number of Things made of Pewter, untruly mixed and made of Tin, wherewith the Kings Subjects be daily deceived, and the People of strange Countreys greatly instructed in the Cunning of the said Craft of Pewterers, in such wise that thereby not only a great Number and Quantity of Pewter Vessel, and other Things of Pewter, made in divers Sorts and Fashions, amounting to a great Value, which was daily and continually wont to be carried and conveyed out of this Realm, by Merchants, into strange Regions and Countreys, and there to be sold and vended. Whereby the Commodity of Tin made into Pewter Vessel, which hath been had in great Estimation; as Things very necessary and commodious, and the Kings Customs thereby much advanced, is now utterly to cease and decay; and not to be esteemed as heretofore hath been, but also the said Craft of Pewterers, which at this Day setteth and keepeth in Work and Occupation a great Number of People, shall be utterly undone. And a great Multitude of the Kings natural Subjects, thereby fall into Idleness, to the great Impoverishment of this Realm; if speedy Remedy for the Redress of the Premises be not provided.

Any manner
of Pewter
wrought out
of this
Realm to be
forfeited.

In tender Consideration whereof, and for Reformation of the Premises, it may please your Highness, by the Assent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, to Ordain and Enact, that no person or persons hereafter, at any Time now inhabiting, or which hereafter shall inhabit within this Realm, shall buy, or otherwise take by Exchange for other Wares, any Wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this Realm, of Tin, or mixt with Tin, as Platters, Dishes, Sawcers, Pots, Basins, Ewers, Flaggons, Goblets, Salts, Salt sellers, Spoons, or any other Thing made of Tin or Pewter as aforesaid; whosoever it be, upon pain of Forfeiture of the same Ware, in whose Hands soever it may be found or taken: And also lawful Money currant in this Realm to the Value thereof. The one Half of the same Forfeiture to be to the Use of the Kings Highness, and the other Half to the Use of the Finders of the same.

Penalty.

Search and
Seizure.

And furthermore be it Enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Master and Wardens of the said Craft of Pewterers, as well within the City of LONDON, as within every other City, Borough, and Town of this Realm where such Wardens be. And where no such Wardens be, to the Head Officer or Governour, Head Officers or Governours of the same City, Borough, or Town, for the time being, to appoint divers Persons most expert in Knowledge of the same, to make Search and Seizure, and to take into their Hands and possession all such Wares as hereafter shall be brought contrary to the true Intent and Effect of this present Act, in whose soever hands or possessions any such shall be found.

No strangers
to be em-
ployed.

And also be it Enacted by the Authority abovesaid, That no person or persons, occupying the said Craft or Occupation of Pewterers, within this Realm, shall set on work, or retain in his or their Service, any person or persons, to be his or their Apprentice or Journey-man, being Strangers born out of this Realm; upon pain to forfeit for every such Apprentice and Journey-man ten pounds Sterling. And that no Stranger, born out of this Realm, shall occupy, exercise, or use, from the Feast of Pentecost next coming, the said Craft of Pewterers, nor work any manner of Vessel or other Ware aforesaid to be made of Tin or Pewter, within any place or

places of this Realm, upon pain of Forfeiture of Ten pounds Sterling, and also upon pain of Forfeiture of the same Pewter or Tin so wrought, in whose Hands soever it may be taken or found.

Not to
exercise the
Craft be-
yond Sea.

And also be it Enacted by Authority aforesaid, That no person nor persons, being born within this Realm, occupying or exercising the said Craft of Pewterers, shall at any time hereafter resort to any strange Regions or Countries, there to use, teach or exercise the said Craft of Pewterers, upon pain to lose the Privilege and Benefit of an Englishman. And if in case any of the Kings Subjects at this present Time, being dwelling in any strange Country or Region, and there occupying the said Craft of Pewterers, do not repair into this Realm, within three Months next after Request and Warning to him be given, by Writing sealed with the common Seal of the Wardens of the said Craft within the said City of LONDON, and here in this Realm continually from henceforth dwell and inhabit, that then and from henceforth he shall be taken and reputed as no Englishman, but shall stand and be from henceforth out of the Kings Protection.

Hawkers.

And forasmuch as sundry evil-disposed Persons which commonly be called Hawkens, by Authority of the Kings Letters Patents or Placard, do not only go about from place to place, within this Realm, using Buying and Selling of Brass and Pewter: And by colour and pretence of the same Licenses and Placards, use unlawful and deceivable Weights and Beams, but also do use to sell both Pewter and Brass which is not good, nor truly, nor lawfully mixt nor wrought, to the great Deceit of the Kings true liege People, contrary to the Form and Effect of the said good Act and Statute made in the said fourth Year of the Kings most Noble Reign. Be it therefore Enacted by Authority of this present Parliament, That all such Licenses and Placards heretofore had, made or granted to any such person or persons, contrary to the true Meaning, Form, and Effect of this Statute, shall be from henceforth by Authority of this present Parliament clearly void and of none Effect. And whereas in the said Act of Parliament, (concerning the Craft of Pewterers and Brasiers) made in the said fourth Year, for divers Causes and Considerations in the same contained, among other Things it is expressed,

That no person or persons, using the said Craft of Pewterers or Brasiers, should from henceforth sell or change any Pewter or Brass, new or old, at any place or places within this Realm, but only in open Fairs and Markets, or in their own Dwelling-houses, but if they were desired by the Buyers of such Wares, upon pain of Forfeiture of every such Default 10*l*.

Penalty on
Hawkers.

Forasmuch as the same Forfeiture is to the only Use of the Kings Highness, and that any Party, searching or finding the same, is not intituled to have any Benefit thereby, it hath not been known that any person or persons have taken any pain to insearch or make any Inquiry thereof. By reason whereof, divers and many evil-disposed Persons, using Buying and Selling both of Brass and Pewter, and not regarding the said good Act, nor the said Penalty, daily go about from Village to Village, Town and Town, and from House to House, to sell such Pewter and Brass which is not good. And also use deceivable Weights and Beams, as they did before the making of the said Act, to the great Hurt and Deceit of the Kings true liege People and Subjects. Wherefore be it Enacted by the Authority abovesaid, That as well the Moiety of the said Forfeiture of Ten pounds, limited in the said Estate made in the said fourth Year, as also the Moiety of all other Forfeitures before expressed; and every of them be and shall be to the Use of the Kings Highness, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety of the same Forfeitures, and every of them, to the Use of him or them that shall seize, find, or present the said Forfeitures, or any of them, or that shall sue for the same in any competent Court or Courts within this Realm, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein the Defendant shall in no wise be admitted to wage his Law, or any Protection or Essoin to any person or persons, which shall be impeached to have offended contrary to the Form and Effect of this Statute, shall be allowable. This Act to endure to the last Day of the next Parliament.

ffor our ordynance **J**fm payed for the confirmacion of our ordynance in expences first payed to **m** onleye to haue his counsell **iiij**s. **viiij** d. **J**fm payed for brekfast at **m** broks whan we disyred hym to goo w^t **m** onleye to me lord chanceler **xij** d. **J**fm payed for a horse for **m** broke whan **m** onleye Rood for vs to me lord Chanceler **xx** d I payed

for a nother horse for vrswyk viij d. *Jtm* gave to *m* onley for his labore the sam tym xx s. *Jtm* payed for horsmet iiij d. *Jtm* payed for our sopper xij d. *Jtm* spend a nother tym whe we went to spek w^t broke v d. *Jtm* the wardyn and vrswyk spendyd at stretforthe when they went to speke w^t *m* onleye iiij d. *Jtm* payed at broks for brekfast for my lord Chanslers servants & broug^{ht} the wrytyng fro me lord & had it a gayn ijs. x d. *Jtm* payed for bott hire the same tyme ij d. ob. *Jtm* payed to hedlaye clarke of the chambr of london to have his counsell xij d. *Jtm* spend on the sayd hedlaye at suyt in easchep for his brekfast xij d. *Jtm* gave to my lord Chanceler a garnesh of vessell weyng lxxxviiijth iiij d. ob the th xxxiijs. to brekylbank for wrytyng vj s. viij d. to James stods for wrytting in pchement vj s. viij d. iiij h. ij s. vj d. ob.

Jtm payed to Thom^s curt^e that he payed for loking the books for goyng on proceshcion xij d.

Jtm payed whan went graves end for barge up & down for iiij men xvj d.

Jtm payed for j q^{ts} of ffagot & ij q^{ts} of colls for to drys met [dress meat] whan mylls wyf was berryed xxj d.

1533-4. *Jtm* pd^d to vj harnese men for the mayres for the schyryffs for mydsomⁿ & seynt peto^s nyght xij s.

Jtm for iiij mens which went wth the maire w^t bowys at mydsomⁿ & seynt peto^s [Peters] Evyn ij s. viij d.

Jtm for wasshyng and hemyng of the cotts for the bowemen viij d.

Jtm ffor xvj straks of Tynne wayng vij lb q^{ts} at iiij d. ob the lb. ij s. viij d.

This entry confirms the view previously expressed as to the meaning of the term "strakes" or "strikes." They are shown to have been small objects, weighing only 7¼ oz. each, either actually or in the average. The fact of their being bought by weight at 4d. per pound, strongly suggests that they were small blocks of tin in an unmanufactured state.

Jtm pd to harry basse grauo^r ffor the new grauyng the sealle off causys xij s.

This seal was made eighty years before. See p. 39.

Jtm pd^d ffor a dynn^r made for the kyngs atto[']ney and mr speker xxx s. viij d.

Item paid To mr selyster [solicitor].	iiij li. vj s. viij d.
Item for pyppyns and botthyer [boat hire]	v d.
Item spent at broks taune and the bulles hedde in cheppe.	ix d.
Item for ij doss' Trenchars whiche was geuyn to the kyngs atto'ney waying xvij lb at vj d.	ix s.

These trenchers were of better quality and workmanship than the garnish below, which cost only $4\frac{3}{4}d.$ per lb.

Item ffor a pottell bottell geuyn to the kyngs Atto'ney [A pottle is a liquid measure of 4 pints].	ij s. iiij d.
Item ffor a holle garnysshe of vessell geuen to the kyngs Atto'ney waying iiij xvj lb p's the lb iiij d. ob q̄	xxxviij s. vj d.
Item pd for the breckefaste at the Rosse at Westm ^r of the mr w' wardeyns mr baxto ^r mr Royden myllis everyd and me	xviiij d.
Item pd to the coke of the tempill for steyn metts whiche was spente at the kyngs hedde	iiij s. viij d.
Item pd to John haward wardeyn of the collage off petycannons of powlls for a holle yeres quytt rent endyng at mydson for a nobbett to be kepte ffor mr gottame	xxvj s. viij d.
Item pd to Wittm Weyver sgeaūt [serjeant] for his holle yeres fee vj s. viij d. and for his attendance geuyng at o ^r hall for disobedyant psons xij d.	vij s. viij d.
Item pd ffor a malvissay vessell for Wat ^r Tows	xiiij d.

Arabic figures for the date heading are first used this year in the Yeomanry accounts.

1534-5. Item paid for the dyner for theym that dynded not at Guylde hall.	xxxij s.
Item paid to the dromslawe	xx d.

This performer is called a drumslade in the accounts of 1539-40. He accompanied the fifes or pipes on the Company's barge.

Inprimis geuen to my lorde maire of Newyeres day for his Newyeres gift.	iiij li.
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This continued for many years as an annual payment to the Lord Mayor from the Company "to be good unto them."

- Item** payed to the wardeyns of the yoma^ry of the money tha cam out of the chamb iij ti.
Item for a quyre of paper ij d. ob.
Item wham went to enquere of the mat^r betwixt the yomanry and the clothng xvij d.

No mention of this dispute is found in the account book of the Yeomanry, but an entry in the City records (*Repertory* 9, fol. 96b.) gives the decision of the Court of Aldermen, dated 25th February, 26 Henry VIII, as follows: **For** the matter yn varyance betwene the pewterers & the yomanry of the same It ys agreed that by the agrement of Master & Wardeyns of the same mystery no Iourney man of the sayd occupacion that afore thys tyme hath bene apprentice withyn thys Cytie shalbe suffred to be Idell but at all tymes hereafter accordyng as he shalbe hable shalbe sett on worke w^t the Masters of the sayd Craft & have theyre wages well & truely payed accordyng to theyre dimerytes.

- Item** whan my lorde maire sat in our hall for wyne waffars a potell of yprocras for brede ale and wood & coles iiij s. x d. ob.

Hippocras was a cordial composed of wine with an infusion of spices and other ingredients.

- Item** paid to our pdecessours for the almosse of the yomanry viij s. iiij d.
Item paid to sr harry hayward prest for iiij skynnes prce the skynne iiij d. xvj d.
Item for the lymyng [painting or illuminating] of the same xvj d.
Item for the wrytynge of the ordenn^ce & the intetelyng of the articles xij s.
Item for the byndyng of the same & the stuff pteynyng thereto xx d.
Item for wrytynge of the foure gospels viij d.
Item for ij gernards that we gave to my lorde maire iiij s. j d.
Item for woodde to make a fyar iiij d.
Item for Rysshes the same tyme ij d.
Item for a Galon of yprocras iiij s iiij d.
Item for a Galon & a potell of Cleret wyne xij d.

Item to the gardyn ⁿ for makyng of the gardyn.	x d.
Item for drynke for the master & wardeyns at Guylde hall gate	v d.
Item paied for brekyng of a lidde of a stone potte at a habdasshers house	ij d.
Item for caryeng a poore man out of the hall to the churche	iiij d.
Item for a sheafe & xx ^{ti} arrowes at ij s. the sheafe	iiij s. viij d.
A "sheaf" is generally supposed to have contained 24 arrows, but this estimate does not agree with the above entry.	
Item for feathryng of ij sheafe & iiij arrows & xij heddes	xx d.
Item for iiij cases & iiij girdels at ten pens the case & girdelle	iiij s. iiij d.
Item to iiij bowmen in harneys for two nyghts watchyng	ij s. viij d.
Item to iiij harnes men in complete harneys the which were sent to my lorde maire	viiij s.
Item to two harnes men the which were set to mr Denam the Shirif from mr Roydon	iiij s.
Item for pavyng of lviiij yards at ij d. a yerde at mr magson ⁿ and harmyngstrongs dores	ix s.
Item vij lode of pavyng ston ⁿ price the lode xvj d.	ix s. iiij d.
Item for two grattes of lede wayng vj li	vj d.
Item for xvj li of plomars sodar at v d. li	vj s. viij d.
Item for a sokette of lede wayng x li	x d.
Item to a carpent ^r for layeng of two pieces in the draught in the hall	viiij d.
Item for two bondell of poles & roddes to bynde the arbar	vj d.
Item for a bokette for the welle	viiij d.
Item to the carpenters for fyue rayles for the vyne	ij s. j d.
Item for drynke & brede for the mr wardeyns & thassistaunces	iiij d.

The "assistaunces" were probably the Past Masters of the Company, who afterwards developed into the Court of Assistants.

Item wee aske allowanncce as our p^recessours did for our dynar of our lady day xxvj s. viij d.

1535-6. Quit rents. **Item** payed to the abbot & covent Serls obet iiij s. iiij d. **Item** payed to sr Robrt astlyn subden of powlls for a holl

yer endyd at mydsomer for his obet xx s. **Itm** payed to the warden of peters comons at poulls to kep an obet for master gottam for a holl yer endyd at mydsomer xxvj s. viij d. **Itm** payed to the master & brethern of seinte Thoms of akers a quit rent out the howsyng w'out crepylgat called Gregore ale for a holl [year] endyd at michalmas iij fi. iij s. iij d.

“Peters commons” is a curious illiterate rendering of Petty Canons.

- Itm** payed to thorowgood s'geand wan we Serche xx d.
- Itm** geven to my lord chanceler ij garnesh of vessell weyng viij xij lb at iij d. ob. q' a lb iij fi. viij s. ij d.
- Itm** payed for brekfast when we Serche her in the citie for the offycer & vs viij d.
- Itm** gave vnto my lord the maire that he shuld be good to the craft as he hathe bene alwayes for his New yers gyft iij fi.
- Itm** re of on Niclas Rose a haberdasher for iij dosē small salts vj goblets iij dosē ston pot heds valued at v s.

The haberdashers appear to have dealt largely in the smaller kinds of pewter ware. Frequent entries concerning their misdeeds appear in these records.

- Itm** rs of Thoms arnold for the vj horses that was bought for the men to goo Northeward w' the kyng grace iij fi. xij s. iij d.
- Itm** payed to James stods for wrytyng of a sublycacion to me lord the maire xij d.
- Itm** for a quartron faggots x d. & iij sakks of colls ij s iij s. x d.

A formidable insurrection arose this year (1536) in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, which was known as the Pilgrimage of Grace. It was occasioned by the popular indignation against the suppression of the smaller monasteries by an Act of Parliament passed in that year. The insurgents were joined by the Archbishop of York and several noblemen, and the Duke of Norfolk was sent against them with a hastily summoned army. This included a levy from the City of London of 250 armed men, 200 of them well horsed, which the Livery Companies were required by the Mayor to furnish within twenty-four hours. The Mercers were

to provide twenty men, the Grocers, Drapers, Merchant Taylors and Clothworkers, sixteen each. The other Companies were assessed according to their ability to supply contingents varying from twelve to two, the quota demanded from the Pewterers being six horsemen. The rebels had seized York and Hull, and the Duke of Norfolk found it best to temporize with them, inducing them to disperse by the offer of a general pardon and the promise that Parliament should sit next year in the north to redress their grievances. The particulars that follow give an interesting picture of the varied duties which were laid upon the wardens of a City Company, including the purchase, grazing, and sale of horses at very short notice.

The prepacion & setting forthe of vj men w^t hors & harnes to wayt on the kyngē grace northwarde. **ffirst** payed to m̄ mednall for ij horsse pris iij li. **Itm** payed to Nicolas gaskcon for a horse xxviij s. iiij đ. **Itm** payed to Thomās arnold for a hors w^t sadil & brydill xvj s. **Itm** payed to John parker for a horse xx s. **Itm** payed John Spragyn for a hors xiiij s. iiij đ. vj li. xvij s. viij đ.

Itm payed for vj p of botts & vj p of spors xj s. x đ.

Itm payed for vj swerds & vj dagers xvj s.

Itm payed for xxijⁱⁱ yards of whit cotton for cotts price euy yard vj d. ob. xj s. xj đ.

Itm payed to a tayllor for making of vj cotts & for red clothe for crosses & armes of the citey ij s. vj đ.

Itm payed for hors meat afor the goyng out of Sadyors viij s. x d.

Itm payed for the carage of vj p of harnes the whiche com fro m̄ Jans to the haull the [? which] he gave frely to serve the craft as pereth ī a nother boke ij đ

Itm payed for vj doss^o poynts to harnes men w^t xj đ.

Itm payed for iiij bowys viij s. iiij đ.

Itm payed for iiij shutyng gloues & bowstryng vj đ.

Itm payed for vj schef arowys to mak vp a scheff vj đ.

Itm payed for iiij sadylls x s.

Itm payed for mending of sadylls & streplethere ij s.

- J^m** for mendyng of ij p of botts viij d.
- J^m** payed mendyng of a sallet and for ale & for brass ij d. ob.
- J^m** payed for schoyng of horsstes vj d. ob.
- J^m** payed on earnest for ij horsstes & had them not viij d.
- J^m** payed for bokkells lethere & Naylls for the harness vij d.
- J^m** payed for brekfast for the vj men xij d.
- J^m** payed to the vj men whan the mvster was don vj s.
- J^m** payed to the vj men ther prest moneye when they delyved to theyr
Captayn euy on v s. vj d. xxxiiij s.
- J^m** payed for sortyng of the harness & mendyng of the same & harnessyng
of the men xij d.
- J^m** payed for ther brekfast at arnolds viij d.
- J^m** payed to the vj men whan they com home agayn at my
lord mairs comandment euy man x s. we to haue ther hors &
harnes iij li.
- J^m** paid for horsmet when they com home agayn for iiij dayes standyng
at hard meat at arnolds vj s. vj d.
- J^m** payed for vj horse grasyng for iij dayes & ij nyghts iij s.
- J^m** payed to the bedyll to carye the horsstes to stretforth ij d.
- J^m** ther they wer at gres fro the xxiiijth day of octobr to the xvjth day
of Nouembr euy weke vd. a horse viij s. iij d.
- payed** Nicolas carter for vij dayes at haull to mak clen the harness bylls
& hauberds & for mendyng of the harness after they cam hom for
bokkells lethers & hokks to hang the harness vpon iij s. xj d.
- J^m** payed for the brekfast of them that gave a tendance to see the men
set forthe xvij d.
- J^m** payed for makyng a nobligacion be twen arnold and for the sale of
the horsstes iij d.
- 1537-8.** **J^m** payed to the waxchandiller for makyng of xiiij li. of
old wax ij d. a li. iij s. ij d. **J^m** for ix li. di of newe wax at viij d.
the li vj s. iij d. **J^m** for newe payntyng of iij angells & iij Rosses
crowned ij s iij d. x s. x d.

The rose was an emblem of the Company, and one of the charges in their armorial bearings. A crowned rose was used also for marking pewter, and may have been an *official* mark of the Company.

Item payed to the master and bretheren of Seint Thoms of acres a quitrent out of gregores ale [alley] w'out crepillgat xiiij s. iiij d.

This was the last payment made to this famous religious house before its suppression.

From the inventory at foot of account. **And** more in pewt' belongyng to the hall iij bassons and iij yewars, iij dd̄ [dozen] plattars, iij dd̄ j dysche, iij dd̄ ij sawcers, & vj v ff chargars bareld, xij iij ff chargars bareld, xij pottell potts, xiiij quarte potts, xij pynte potts, xv small drynk- yng potts, wher of one was brockyn & vj salts. And more in new vessayll y^t came from pecks xviiij newfassyond plattars & iij newfassyond dyschys.

The last entry is crossed through, and following it is the note "delyuyd to Nycolas peake agayne."

1538-9. Receyved of the sayd inquest of the warde mote for syttyng and occupying of o^r hall for the Cryste mas sseason iij s. iiij d.

Receyved of xiiij psons of the sayd Compeny for comyng afte^r the owre that thay war warned the Corte dey byfore mydsomer last paste at ij d. a pece vppō amēdmēt ij s. iiij d.

Item for the hyre of a barge w^t xijth orys to westemynsto^r xvij s. viij d.

Item delyvord to nychollas pecke and wyffam phyppys ffor a dyner at owre hall the same dey the mayre toke hys othe for the Rest of the Compeny whiche that dey dyned not at the yelde hall xxv s.

The charge of the purchase of o^r howsce in ffanchorche strete of late Antony porters.

Item payd to the sayd Antony portar for the purchase of the sayd howsce and gronde belongyng to the same xxj li.

Item to maysto^r Chydley for hys devyssce of the wryttingys for the assewrans of the sayd howssce v s.

- Item** payd to bryght the skreveno^r for the ingrosyng of scerten wryttyngs
concerny^g the assurans of the sayd howsce a payre of indenturys a
dede a realesce and ij oblygacions vj s. viij d.
- Item** payd to the Clerke of the stapyll to make searche whethe^r the sayd
porter was by fore bownd in any stastute xij d.
- Item** payd for drynke when we toke posscescyon ij d.
- Sm xxj li. xij s. x d.



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CHAPTER IV.

The Reformation.

THE sweeping religious measures of Henry VIII were now in full progress. The suppression of the larger monasteries soon followed that of the smaller ones. The houses of the Friars, Black, White, Grey and Augustinian surrendered to the King, who also took possession of the great Hospitals, Priories, and other religious foundations. The Hospital of St. Thomas of Acon or Acres, founded in honour of Thomas à Becket, was ultimately purchased by the Mercers' Company, who converted the buildings for use as their Hall and Chapel. Meanwhile the quit-rent for the property in Gregory Alley, formerly paid to that Hospital, was now paid by the Pewterers' Company to the King's rent gatherer.

Item payd to thomas adam Renttegatherer for ow^r sovereyn lorde the kynge of the suppreste londys of thomas beckett for a yerly quwyttent-rent owte of gregorys alle w'owte Crepulgate dew at myghelmas laste paste xiiij s. iiij d.

The chargys a gaynst the Generall mustor holden the viijth dey of may.

Item payd for ij ellys and iij q^{ts} canvas for to make iiij payre of dublette sclevys for them that went to the mustor at vj d. the ell . . . xvj d.

Item payd for xiiij yardys of whytte Cotto for theyr cottys at vj d. the yarde agaynst the sayd mustor. vij s.

Item for makyng of the sayd cottys and redde Crossys at vj the pece agaynst the sayd musto^r iij s.

Henry having thrown off his allegiance to the Pope was threatened with a coalition against him of the Emperor and the French King. A general muster of all his male subjects throughout England and Wales between the ages of sixteen and sixty was accordingly summoned. The citizens of London met on the 8th of May, 1539, at Mile End, and consisted of three divisions of five thousand men each, exclusive of pioneers and other attendants. After marching through the City they were reviewed by the King and Queen at Westminster, and returned to the City by way of Holborn.

Item payd for hopyng of the bultyng tubbe in the larder v d.

Item payd for iij q^{rs} ði of Red vellott for the new garnysshyng of the garlandys whyche the wardens be chosyn wth vij s. xj ð.

Item payd to wyllam callaway goldsmyth for the workmanshyps of owre lady assumpcyon in sylver and gyldyng therof for the sayd garlandys ij s.

1539-40. **Item** receued of masteris Myllys that she gaue to make the clothyng a denar at her husbands buryall xx s. Whiche xx s. the clothyng gaue towarde the charge goyng to Grenwhiche for the fecchyng in of the Ladye Anne of Clevelonde xx s.

Anne of Cleves, Henry's new bride, landed at Dover on 27th December, 1539, and passed through London to her coronation at Westminster Abbey on 4th February following. The citizens accompanied the Lord Mayor and Aldermen in their barges to Greenwich, whence the King and Queen were escorted from the Royal Palace with great pomp to Westminster.

Item receued of Edwarde meetcalf for that that hys wyf made a promyse in her wodohode to the master and wardens then beyng for the paymēt of xxv s. the which Edwarde hathe agreed wth the said master and wardens and assistaunce for a full payment and ende of the same x s.

Charge at the receueng of The ladie Anne of Cleve londe. **Item** to the bargeman for the hyer of his barge withe x Orys [ten oars] xxj s.

Item paid for the hier of a drumslade and to a man wth a pype ij s. viij d.

The other items for fitting up the barge on the occasion of this elaborate water pageant include "vj targetts at xv d. the pece," "xvjs. viij d. to the paynter for payntyng of ij olde Stremers banars and the viij banis for trompeto's," & "planche bords and raylles for to tryme the barge w' rayllis abowte." These boards were taken from the Hall to Lambeth, where the barge lay. The cost of "nayllis and taynterhockis [tenterhooks] to hang vp the clothis [draperies] aboute the barge" was ij d., and time ran so short that iiij d. was "payed for a bote to lambith to haste the Barge the mornyng that the ladie Anne came yn."

Item payed to viij men that bere cressetts and ij men [that] bere baggs at viij d. the pece vj s. viij d.

Item payed for x greate strawen hattys xv d.

Item payed to master Urswyke for the workmanship of the vpper parte of a stylletorie wayeng xiiij lb. at j d. ob le ponde S^m xix d. ob And for the workmanship of the nether parte of leede wayeng xxvij lb. at ob le ponde s^m xiiij d ob. The whiche stilleterie was geuen to the mayor.

Item payed to a man to se the tonnys ffylde for waccheng three nyghts at viij d. the night ij s.

The above entry appears under the heading of "Repacyons at Gregory Alley."

1540-1. **Item** receued of Master Cvrtes for the estraung^o [stranger] that hathe his libertie to pase the tyme for hys pleasur in our hawll w' his company for the space of fyve Monethis paying after v s. for a monythe S^m xxv s.

It would be interesting to have known the name of this "estraunger," who seems to have hired the hall for the purpose of entertaining his friends. No public accommodation for such purpose was then available, as the taverns boasted no apartments of large size, nor could they be hired for exclusive use. There was a dancing master later, *see* page 149.

Item payed to m^r Alayne of the Chekker [Exchequer] for a write for lx lb. of blacke lay and $\frac{xv}{2}$ lb. of bras by the Informaconⁿ of bellamy of Taunton and for bott hyer at ij tymes ij s. iij d.

1541-2. In p^mis receued of Jarvys Hylton for stondyng in Edmond Browars stondyng at Gravisende iij s. iiij đ.

This fine was imposed during the search at Gravesend Fair. Unfair practices towards brother tradesmen were strictly repressed.

To the Clarke and his company for syngyng of mase and dirige iij s. iiij d.

The payments for "our Lady day" at Allhallows usually included this large payment to the Clerk who was assisted in the musical portion of the service by his brethren of the Company of Parish Clerks.

Item geuen to the speker of the pliament in reward xij frenche platters & xij disshis of pewter wayng liij lb. at v d. o^b the lb. Sm̄ xxiiij s.

In p^mis p^d to the kyng for his subcide xxj s. x đ.

This is the earliest recorded instance of the Company's contribution to a royal subsidy.

Item p^d to the kyngs prynter for pryntyng of a hundrethe of o^r Actys vij s. vj đ.

Item spente the daye that y^e master warden went to serche beyondsee warre in london vj đ.

"Beyond sea ware" is a quaint expression for foreign pewter.

Item p^d for o^r deⁿ [dinner] and the maires officers in the Dager in Chepe when wee went to serche haberdasshers shoppes in london ij s.

And the sayd accowmp^te we allowe to be good & parfet savyng only suche partyculars as we have crossyd owt & not allowyd. And ffurther we wyll that the sayde Rychard crostwayt Thom̄s ffowlle and harry clarke schall make a parfet & a iust accowmp^te as well of ther Receytts as of ther payments ffor ther rydyng & goyng a bowte in serche for this yere by twene this & candell^ms next comyng. of th' that ys now come to ther hands and ffurther we awdyt th' all suche matt's as be in svet [suit] in the kyngs excheccar by ther Informacyon & not yet recoueryd schall at all tymmys & from tyme to tyme as they may reco^l any some of money agaynst any parson for offendyng of the kyngs hyghnes stattuts consarnyng the craft of pewterars or any thyng havyng now in ther hands or here aft^r schall have by vartu of ther serche w^t in ther sayd yere shall bryng in all suche some or somys of money w^t in the space of monthe after the

Receyte ther of & make a yvste [just] accowmp^te ther of and at ther accowmp^te the sayd craft to allow them ther costs & chargs accordyng to ryght & good consyens, and wyche of them that ys fownde fawty and denyeth thus to do, to forfayt for euy peny doble that he schall so receyve or come to hys hands & not brynge in.

Item p^d for o^r drynkyng at the bailie of the Savoies howse when the beame was tached at the copsmytthis howse vj d.

This entry is crossed through, not having been allowed at the audit, as explained in the entry above. The Savoy, formerly a palace and at this time a hospital, situated on the south of the Strand near Wellington Street, was a Royal manor, and as such had its own "bailie" or chief official.

1542-3. **Also** we charge vs w^t iij^{li} s^t [sterling] whiche was recoverd in the mayrs Corte to the vse of o^r Cumpeny ffor scerten yerden [? garden] pottys takyn by maysto^r curtes then beyng maysto^r wyllā hustwhayt and Thomas machym wardens iij li.

This is the earliest instance that I can find in the records of the introduction of the term "Company" in place of "Craft," "Mistry" or "Fraternity." (See note on page 5.)

Item more gevoyⁿ to the sayd maysto^r maysson a threquarte fflagon pryce iij s.

This fine flagon appears among several other gifts and payments amounting to 53s. 7d., incurred in obtaining the Company's final Act of confirmation passed in the 33rd year of Henry VIII (c. 4). The Act recites the statute of 25 Hen. VIII, c. 9 (see pages 128-132), and proceeds thus:

Whic Act was appointed to endure only to the End of the next Parliament, then next following, and which Act was afterwards renewed in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the 28th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, to endure until the end of the next Parliament then next following. And which Act was also renewed at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the 31st and 32nd Years of our said Sovereign Lords Reign, to endure until the last Day of the next Parliament then next ensuing: Prayen therefore in this present Parliament our said Sovereign Lords true and obedient Subjects the Pewterers of this his said

Realm, and other the true Commons of the same, because the same Act is beneficial and necessary for the Common-wealth of this Realm: That it may be enacted by the King our said Sovereign Lord, the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Commons in the present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, for as much as the same Act, and every Thing therein contained, is good and beneficial to the Common-wealth of this Realm, and all and every the said Acts and Statutes, and all and every Article, Sentence, and Clause comprised in the same, may from henceforth stand and abide in as full Strength and Effect, for evermore from henceforth to endure, according to the Purport, Tenour and Effect of the same Act and Acts, as though the said Articles, Sentences and Clauses, were specially limited, recited, or declared in this present Act. And that no person nor persons, from henceforth buy or take to exchange, or otherwise take into or within this Realm, to the Intent to sell any such Things or Wares, above rehearsed, made or to be made out of this Realm, upon pain of like Forfeitures and Penalties, as are and were expressed in the said several Acts, the same Penalties and Forfeitures to be levied, as is before expressed.

And that it may be further enacted by Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons, do unlawfully withstand, interrupt, disturb, or let the Master and Wardens, or their Deputies of the said Craft of Pewterers, for the Time being, or the Head-Officer or Governour, Head-Officers or Governours of Cities, Towns and Boroughs, within this Realm, wherein no such Master and Wardens are, or shall be, or any of them, in searching, seizing, and taken into their Hands and Possessions such Wares as shall happen to be bought, or brought into this Realm contrary to the Purport and Effect of the said Statute, made in the said 25th Year of the Reign of our said Sovereign Lord, and then every such person and persons so offending, in letting, disturbing, or withstanding the said Seizure, or taking of such Wares as is aforesaid, shall loose and forfeit for every Time so doing, the Sum of five Pounds Sterling, the one Half whereof, shall be to the King's Use, and the other Half to him or them that will or shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Writ, Bill, Complaint, or Information in any the Kings Courts of Record, in which Action or Suit, no Protection, Privilege, nor Wager of Law, shall be allowed nor admitted.

Wares
made and
brought
from
beyond the
Seas.

Master and
Wardens
shall not be
withstood in
their Search

The Act thus finally amended, gave the Company powers which remained in vigorous use for the next two centuries; it was reprinted without alteration as their empowering statute in 1741.

Item in stone pottys w^t pewto^r Covers of the beyonde the sey making xxxiij takyn of Robert waddyngton.

1543-4. **Item** Receyued the xx^{ti} day of marche a^o p^o dicto of the straunger that kept the Dawnsyng in the Halle x s.

Item paide for botehire for the maister and myself and the Bedell to & ffrom lamehith on thursday in Easter weke whan we went to hire a barge v d.

Item paid more to a plomer for newe castyng of CC a q^r & vij lb. leade for a gutter in the Costardmongers hows in ffanchirche strete ij s. iij d. ob.

ffirst paide to Olymden Carpenter ffor the fframⁿ of the vyne and setting vp of the same lvij s. viij d.

The Charges of the Setting fforth of Ten men to the kynges armye.

Inprimis paid for ix yardes of yelowe karsey at xvj d. the yarde S^m xij s.

Item paid for xj yards of brode blewe price the yarde iij s. & iij d. xl s. iij d.

Item paid for a yarde of white a yarde of Black and a yarde of Redde ij s. x d.

Item paid for xvij yards of blewe karsey at xix d. the yarde xxvij s. jd.

Item paide for iij yardes of blek karsey at xv d. the yarde v s.

Item for iij yards white karsey at xiiij d. the yarde iij s. viij d.

Item paide for iij yards of Rede karsey iij s.

Item for changeing of vj yards karsey viij d.

Item paid for vj yards of rede karsey at xvij d. the yarde. S^m ix s.

Item paid for v yards & iij quarters of yelowe for the alteryng of cots & hose vij s. viij d.

Item paid for a yarde of blewe and a yarde of yelowe for the man that went away ij s. viij d.

Item paid for x hatts vj s. viij d.

Item paid ffor the chaunging of vj hatts xxj d.

Item paid for xxv yards of white ffustian	xiiij s. vij đ.
Item paid more for ij yards di ffustian for a dublet for hym that come in the stede of the man that went away	xvij đ.
Item paid for makyng of iiij Cots of my lorde prevy sealls lyūey	vj s. viij đ.
Item for makyng of six Cots of the duke of Norffolks lyūey. Sm	vj s. vj d.
Item for makyng of xj dubletts & lynyng of x gorgetts	vij s.
Item paid for the lynyng & makyng of vj paire of hosen	vj s.
Item for makyng & lynyng iiij paire of hose of my lorde prevey sealls slop ffacion	v s. iiij đ.
Item for makyng & Translatyng of vj cots	vij s.
Item for the Translatyng of vj paire of hosen for my lorde of norffolk & my lorde prevey seall	iiij s. iiij đ.
Item for xij ells Canvas	iiij s. vj đ. ob.
Item paid for viij billes	ix s. iiij đ.
Item for ij bowes	ij s. xd.
Item another bowe for the Bowe that was broken	xv đ.
Item for brasers shotyng gloves & stryngs	x đ.
Item for iij harneys & iij saletts	xx s.
Item for ij cases for arrowes	xiiij đ.
Item for ffederyng ij sheff arrowes	ij s. iiij đ.
Item paid for a groos of poynts	viiij đ.
Item for ij daggers	ij s.
Item for another dagger for richard phillip	viiij đ.
Item for a dagger for the litell Bowman	xij d.
Item for a dagger for william Browne	xd.
Item for a dagger for John lowe	viiij đ.
Item for a dagger for John lane	viiij đ.
Item for a dagger for xpofer neelson	viiij đ.
Item for a dagger for Thomas Grene	viiij đ.
Item more for a dagger & a swerde	xx đ.

Item for vj suerde girdells	xij d.
Item for iiij chapes for swerdes	vij d.
Item paid viij swerdes	xvj s.
Item for makyng clene of x gorgetts	vij d.
Item paid more for oon swerde for not brown	xvij d.
Item paid to the x men after Trinitie sonday to drynke . . . . .	.iiij s. iiij d.
Item paid for botehire the next day	iiij d.
Item paid ffor drynke on Trinitie sonday	ij d.
Item paid for a swerde whiche was Broken	ij s.
Item paid more to the same ten men on corpus xpi Even	iiij s. iiij d.
Item laide oute for prest money to x men at ij s. vj d. a man	xxv s.
Item for brede & drynke for the same soulders	vj d.
Item more for a dagger & a girdell	x d.
Item to James fflent which mr vsthwayte brought whiche maister usthwayte shall pay in	xij d.
Sm to ^s xv li. x s. v d. ob.	

These preparations were necessitated by the renewal of Henry VIII's quarrel with France.

1544-5. **Item** Receavyd of Mast^r Aleyne skynnere at the beryall of Mistrys Taylor hys mother to thewse of o^r halle xxxj s. viij d.

The Charges of the setting forthe of xxij men to the kyngs armye at iiij Sondry tymes.

Item payde for a pece of fryse of xxxvij yards long j li. iiij s.

Item payde for a harnys to Robarte Taylor prise ix s. vj d.

Item payde for ij pare of slevys of Mayle by Machim iiij s. iiij d.

Item payde to John Day for a hole almanⁿ Revett a sallat one pare of splents a pare of Bregenders vij s. viij d.

Almayne rivets were overlapping plates of armour to protect the lower parts of the body. They were held together by rivets moving in slits to allow of freer motion. The word "Almayne" was the mediæval name for Germany, where this armour was made. A "salade" or "sallett" was a light helmet, with or without a visor, chiefly used by foot soldiers.

¶ payde to John day for Another Alman Revett prise	vij s.
¶ payde for ij lether Jorkyns	ij s. iiij d.
¶ payde for the making of x cotes	v s. viij d.
¶ payde for the mendyng of the harnys	j s. ij d.

1545-6. **¶** Resceyvid for vj brasse potts sold weyng cvij lb. at xvj s. the c xvij s.

¶ Resceyvid for ten Course pewter mettell whiche remaind in the hall weyng di C vj lb. at ij d. ob the j lb. xij s. j d. ob.

¶ Resceyvid of Clement kellyngworthe for old spones weyng vij lb. at ij d. ob the j lb. xvij d. ob.

¶ Resceyvid for xxxij stone potts sold to dy^{us} of the company at j d. le pese ij s. ix d.

¶ Resceyvid for xlij bottells of stone sold to dy^{us} of the Company at ij d. le pese vij s.

These were pewter-lidded pots and bottles which had been forfeited, with the other ware mentioned, for bad workmanship or quality.

¶ Resceyvid of henry Clerke for a ffyne because he came after the ower appoynted when mr hawkyns was buryad xij d.

¶ xv^{ths} for the Cundyts that be newe made. [A payment of 6s. 8d. for the "first" fifteenth, and a similar payment for the "second."]

These were probably the Conduits for distributing the water newly conveyed from Hampstead in 1543 and from Hoxton in 1546. Stow states that conduits were erected in Lothbury and in Coleman Street in 1546. In 1589 a fifteenth was granted by the Common Council for cleansing the River Fleet.

¶ payd to a paynter for payntyng of xxvij yeards of clothe whiche was the old paynted clothes that did hang in the Countynghouse and for vj yeards of clothe more to pforme the sayd hangyngs vij s. iiij d.

¶ payd to a Glasier for making the pewterers armys in ascochyn in one of the hall wyndows & for setting in of ix quarells in the wyndowes where the Glasse was brokyn xx d.

1546-7. *Itm* p^d for a dynner at the pewterers Hall for m^r shryue [Sheriff] certayne alderman and the hole crafte of the crafts free gyfte to m^r Shryue the same daye vij li.

Thomas Curtis, Sheriff of London in 1546, was Master in the previous year, and was re-elected to that office for the year of his Shrievalty. A full account of this eminent member of the Company will be found on a later page.

Itm delyuered for a dynner at the hall for the Rest of the company that dyned there withe all them that had byne Wardens wyfs. xvij s. v^d.

Itm payde to Elderbeeks wyf for dressynge of the dynner at the mayers ffeaste xij ^ḡ.

Itm payde at dyryge and masse on owre ladye daye, to the Curate viij ^ḡ., to the Decon vj ^ḡ., to ij condutē viij ^ḡ., to ij prestē viij ^ḡ., to the Sexton iiij ^ḡ. *Itm* to the clark for syngynge the highe masse in pryckesonge and for his dyryge and masse of Requyem iij s. iiij ^ḡ.

Itm p^d to the churche wardens for the occupyng of theyre Ornamentē xx ^ḡ. *Itm* p^d for spyce Breade iij s. vj ^ḡ. *Itm* p^d for a chese xj ^ḡ. *Itm* p^d for a kylderkyn of good ale iij s. *Itm* for ij half pownde tapers viij ^ḡ. xiiij s. xj ^ḡ.

This is the last record of the religious celebration at Allhallows, Lombard Street, on "our Lady daye Assumpcion" with the full ritual of pre-Reformation times. Compare with the above the details of the service held in 1548-9.

Itm payde more for a xvth & half agaynst the crownacion of the kyngs maiestye x s.

King Edward VI was crowned at Westminster, 20th February, 1547.

Itm p^d for cressyt lyght and for cresset berers and men to beare the bags w^t lyght on mydsomer euy n and sainte Peters Euy n for m^r shryue viij s. iiij ^ḡ.

Alloances thys yere. *Itm* we aske allowaunce for the dynn^o on owre lady daye assumpcion for that that the mayre of london my lorde Chefe Baron & other dyned theyre that daye by the graunte of the hole clothynge iiij ti.

Itm pd for wryttinge and Ingrossynge of this accompte v s.

The accounts for this year and those of the twenty-two years next following are written in a beautiful hand by Edmund Browne, who was Clerk to the Company from 1551 or earlier until his death in 1568-9. His skilful penmanship was a labour of love, and the initial "T" of each account is beautifully drawn and embellished in the later years with humorous devices and elaborate flourishes. After Browne's death, this artistic excellence disappears. For ingrossing each yearly account at this time, the Clerk received 5*s.*; this was increased later to 6*s.* 8*d.*, and in 1570, 10*s.* was paid. The Clerk's yearly salary was 20*s.*, and his other emoluments included fees for preparing legal deeds, the roll of members, and other documents.

1547-8. **℞s** of a Spanyarde for keypyng Daunsyng in y^e Hall for iij months xv s.

An entry two years later gives the name of the Spaniard as Jesper. In this and the previous year's accounts first appears (except for a casual margin use in 1509-10, which may not have been contemporary) the form "y^e" in imitation of the old English "þ^e" which dropped out of use at the end of the 15th century. The older letter was used in various words and syllables, as in "þ^t," "þis," &c., but its later equivalent was used only in the word "y^e," and came down to quite modern times as a convenient and rapid way of writing this much used word.

Jtm spent at the Ale howse by the Hall Amonge the wardens & dyuers of the company y^e xxvij daye July iij d.

Jtm the therde daye of August spent at y^e ale howse ij d.

Jtm spent at an ale howse at yelde Hall when m^r Curteyes prentyce was made free iij d.

The above three entries were disallowed by the auditors.

Jtm p^d to y^e beadle for half a thowsand of brycke the xxj daye of february iiij s.

This outlay was for repairs to the Company's property. Among his various duties the Beadle also carried out those of Clerk of the Works or Master builder.

- Jtm** Spente at the iij tonnes at newgate market When the m^{rs} mr Heyfforde
mr Ponder & goodma Rewe after theyre beyng at the speker of the
plyment the xxvij daye of novemb^r viij đ.
- Jtm** to the Mase Bearer of the plyment vj s. viij đ.
- Jtm** to the Porter of the common [Commons] howse xij đ.
- Jtm** to the Inner porter of the common howse iiij đ.
- Jtm** p^d for viij mens Brekefast at westmynster That ys to saye mr
warwycke mr Wylkynson & Curteys w^t thyre company . . . xviiij đ.
- Jtm** pd to the Clarke of the plyment v s.
- Jtm** pd to his clarke for a Reawarde xij đ.
- Jtm** pd to mr Baker speker of the plyment ij quarte potts gylt which
we Receyved of mr Rowlande xx s.

Costs of the lawe done In london for y^e Defence of Rewe

Edward Rewe was a rebellious liveryman. In the list of payments of quarterage for this and the next year he is a defaulter, but paid his dues once more in 1549. The points in contention are not stated, but they probably related to the obit of Lawrence Astlyn, whose will was brought in evidence. The proceedings took place first before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, who delegated four Aldermen to hold an enquiry at Pewterers' Hall. Afterwards the Master and Wardens were summoned to Saddlers' Hall to appear before Commissioners who were charged to enquire into the dispute. Their decision is not recorded, but Rewe afterwards became reconciled to the Company.

- Jtm** p^d to a pursyuaunt that belonged to the Vysyters at Sadlers Hall y^e
xxvj daye of Ap^rell iiij s. iiij d.
- Jtm** p^d to my lorde cheffe Barnes [Lord Chief Baron's] Clarke for
Redyng & takyng of yo^r names the xxvj daye of Ap^rell xvj d.
- Jtm** spent at the Sadlers Hall when the maysters & wardens went to the
vysyters ij d.
- Jtm** p^d to Robert xpoffer one of my Lorde mayres Clarke for Drawyng
o^r Answere to thartycles Dyrected vnto vs by the comysoners
towching owre Hall & pvsing o^r evydence v s.

J^m p^d to hym more for his paynes for Drawynge of an Answere to Rewes byll & for cerchyng the boke of the tre. G as towchyng Rebelyons in companyes vj s. viij d.

The "Letter Books" are a series of volumes preserved among the City records. They extend in date from the early part of Edward I's reign almost to the end of that of James II. "Boke G" is the seventh in the series, the earlier volumes of which contain the proceedings of both the Court of Aldermen and the Court of Common Council.

J^m spent at yelde hall gate iij d.

This appears to have been at the entrance to Guildhall in Cateaton Street, now Gresham Street, St. Lawrence Jewry Church being at the west corner and perhaps the "ale house" at the east. There were two taverns in Guildhall Yard, and each is described on the tradesman's token issued by its proprietor as at Guildhall Gate. Thomas Ailay of the Three Tuns (the Vintners' Company's Arms) issued a halfpenny token in 1665; of the White Lion at Guildhall Gate two tokens exist, one issued by W. C. before the Great Fire of 1666, the other in 1669 by Robert Peete.

Also be yt rememberyd that all the crfts moulds be browght home from m^r Curtys house to the hall & certyn harnys that is to say a payer of wambrats, a payer of polrons & a payer of vpper parts of legge harnys & also xx s. iij d. of money for the dett of barnard belamy of taunton whych he receuyd of m^r grymys.

1548-9. Charges for maister lawrence Ashlyn at abchurche. **J^m** p^d amonge the pore people of the same pishe in almes ij s. vj d.
J^m p^d to the bedyll for his paynys iij d.

The charges at this obit for the preceding year amounted to 9s. 10d., and included payments to the priests and clerks for dirige and mass, for ringing, wax, and other expenses, including gifts to the poor. The poor still received their gifts and the beadle his payments, amounting together to 2s. 10d., the balance of 7s. being paid to the King's rent gatherer. A hand with extended index finger points to these entries in this year's accounts.

Charge at alhallowes in lumberd strete the sonday before o' ladydaye thassüptiö. **Itm** pd to the Curat of the sayde churche for takyng paynes at the comunyon iiij d. **Itm** p^d to the clarke for hym & other syngers at the comunion iij s. iiij d. **Itm** p^d to the churchwardens for Ocupyinge of theyre Ornaments xx d. v s. iiij d.

This is the first record of the annual religious festival on election day in Reformation times, and its baldness must have afforded a striking contrast to the splendour of the older ceremonial; even the modest meal of buns and spiced ale disappears.

In p^mis p^d for the Renewynge and confirmaçõn of owre Corporacion and also of o' Readyng [riding] patent vij li xiiij s. iiij d.

This was the usual charter of *inspeximus*. The original, granted by King Edward VI on 26 November, 1548, being the second year of his reign, is in the Company's possession.

Itm p^d for a markynge Iron of the flowre delyce to amarked stone potts w^t x d.

It does not appear to have been the practice of the Company to mark all pewter ware, but rather to oblige the maker to put his own mark on every article. Why the lids of stone pots should have had a special mark, that of the fleur de lys, is not clear.

Itm pd for ye wrytting of the othe of the crafte in text hande in the crucyfyx boke viij d.

Itm p^d for woode & cole at the tyme that sr Martyn bowes knight Sat in the Hall at Edwarde Rues Request at dyu^se [divers] tymes for the tryall & proffe of o' saye of layemettall xiiij d.

Sir Martin Bowes was the Court goldsmith and a principal member and great benefactor of the Goldsmiths' Company. His portrait by Holbein is in their Hall.

Itm pd to Stephyn Rowland for a payre of saye stones for the hall ij s.

Itm pd for a Gebbet of woode to hang the golde ballans [balance] on xviiij d.

These payments were for appliances required by the Company's officers to assay pewter at the Hall.

J^m pd to cosynton one of the mayres Sargeaunts for beyng o^r
 caruer & geuyng attendaunts for the hole yeare for his ffee
 vj s. viij d.

A return of the payments made by the Company for obits or chantries from funds left to the Company by deceased members is found this year in the records of the Augmentation Office. The result was, as we have seen, that the obits were abolished, and the amounts paid to the chantry priests were henceforth paid by the Company to the Crown; whilst such sums as were directed by the testators or founders to be applied to the relief of the poor, education and other purposes, were left in the hands of the Company, who continued to apply them to such uses.

Exchequer. Ministers' Accounts. 1-2 Edw. VI. Roll 31.

Lands &c. temporal and spiritual in the hands of the Crown.

ACCOUNTS of all and singular the Bailiffs Farmers and other Officers and Ministers of all and singular the lordships manors lands and possessions as well temporal as spiritual whatsoever being in the hand of the Lord the King by virtue and authority of a certain Act of the Parliament holden upon prorogation at Westminster the fourth day of February in the twenty-seventh year of the late King Henry the Eighth and there continued until the fourteenth day of April then next ensuing thereof published ordained and provided within the government and survey of the Court of Augmentations and Revenues of the King's Crown there, namely, from the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel in the first year of the reign of the Lord now King Edward the Sixth by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and of the Church of England and Ireland in Earth the Supreme Head until the same Feast of Saint Michael then next ensuing in the second year of the same Lord the King, to wit, for one entire year.

ACCOUNT of Edward Mildemay gentleman Collector of the Rents there for half a year ended at the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth.

NONE because the first Account for the Lord the King.

Sum—none.

City of
London.

Rents of
Corpora-
tions within
the City of
London.

Corporation
of Gold-
smiths of
London.

BUT HE RENDERS ACCOUNT OF—66s. 8d. for a certain Rent received from the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths London *etc.*

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Corporation
of the
Society
of the
Pewterers.

AND OF—4s. 11d. of Rent received from the Wardens of the Company aforesaid for a certain obit founded in the Church of Saint Mary Abchurch issuing out of their lands and tenements which were formerly of Laurence Astelyn at 9s. 10d. by the year due for half a year ended at the feast aforesaid **OF 6s. 8d.** of Rent paid to the late College of Acon at 13s. 4d. by the year due for half a year ended at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel this year he does not answer **BECAUSE** the said Rent is charged among the possessions of the said late College within the City of London as appears in the said Account **BUT HE ANSWERS FOR—10s.** of Rent received from the Wardens aforesaid for a certain obit founded at Sabbysforde in the County of Hertford issuing out of their lands and tenements at 20s. by the year due for half a year ended at the feast aforesaid **AND OF—13s. 4d.** received from the same Wardens for a certain obit founded in the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul for the soul of John Gotehame at 26s. 8d. by the year due for half a year ended at the feast aforesaid.

Sum—28s. 3d.

In their accounts for 1547-9 the Yeomanry is for the last time styled a fraternity. The heading of the ensuing accounts is in the following style:—"This is the Acomte of vs Symond Ponder thomas kychyne John powell thomas wyddous wardens of the yomenry of pewterers wyth in the cytty of london maide & dellyveryd &c." The heading of the account for 1498-1500 is printed on p. 81.

Item payde ffor makyng a new Sestorne of leade weynge iiij C q^{ta} viij lb as aperes by the plomars byll xxvijs. xd.

Item payde ffor a Coke to the Same sestorne vs. vj d.

Item payde ffor the stole and the cover to the Same sestorne iij s. vj d.

Item payde ffor hynge nayles & tampion to the Same sestorne xij d.

The above four entries are in the Yeomanry accounts.

1549-50. **Item** Rs of John Mathewe for breakyng an order made by the Maister wardens and ascystaunts by his concent for a voydyng betwene Thomas Clarke and hym at ffayres iij s. iij d.

Item pd for ij newe horsse Shewes vj d.

Item pd for ij payre of Spurres xij d.

Charges of the Purchase of the Obbyts and Quyt Rents of the kyng, w^t other Necessary payments as folowithe:

Item pd to my Lorde Treasurer by my Lorde Mayors comaundement for the Purchase of vij s. a yeare yerely for m^r Ashlyns obbyt, And more xiiij s. iiij d. for a yearly quyt Rent payde owt of gregory Allye. And more vj s. viij d. payd to the Petycannons of Poules for kepyng an Nobbyt at Sappysford for Ser Robert Ashlyn S^m xxvij s. by yere, which cost the S^m of xxvij li.

Item p^d more by my Lorde Mayors comāundmēt towarde the Drawyng & wrytyng of the Patent for o^r parte iiij s. iiij d.

Item p^d to m^r blackwall the towne Clarke for Assuraunce & for Drawyng and Wryttinge therof for the sayde Obbytts and Quyt Rents as yt aperyth in the dede viij s.

Item pd to M^r Hewys the kyngs Surveyo^r to haue his lawfull ffavor that we might not be ouer Charged for a Rewarde iij s. iiij d.

The payment by the Companies to the Augmentation Office every half-year as a rent charge all sums which they had been wont to pay for the maintenance of obits lasted but a short time. A year afterwards, the Government found itself in urgent need of money, and resolved to sell chantry lands to the annual value of 5,000*l.* In this 5,000*l.* were included the 1,000*l.* annually due from the City Companies, and accordingly they now received an intimation from the Council that they were expected to redeem these rents by the payment of 20,000*l.*, and that within eight days. The Companies dared not resist, and as they had no large sum of money at their disposal wherewith to meet the demand, they had to sell a good deal of the property remaining to them, in order to raise the requisite sum. The simultaneous throwing of so much land upon the market, compelled some of the Companies to accept rather low prices. But on the whole, the Companies made a satisfactory bargain for themselves. The sum of the rents sacrificed by the eleven Companies, for which we have the requisite information, was 60*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, and the rents recovered, 628*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* The total amount which the Government finally

accepted from all the London Companies was about 18,700*l.*; in return for which it handed over the right, not apparently to the whole of the rent charges, but to an amount calculated on the basis of twenty years' purchase. These can hardly be regarded as extortionate terms, seeing that twenty years' purchase was the ordinary price of land. The letters patent conveying the re-grant to the Companies were signed in July, 1550, and the title of the Companies, and of all other purchasers of chantry lands, was confirmed by subsequent statute. [Ashley's *English Economic History*, Vol. I, part 2, pp. 153-4.]

Patent Roll. 4 Edw. VI. part 7, m. 15 (43).

Grant of Rents late of the Pewterers' Company.

For Augustin Hynde and others—Of a Grant to them and their heirs.

THE KING TO ALL TO WHOM ETC. GREETING Know ye that we for the sum of Eighteen thousand seven hundred and forty four pounds eleven shillings and two pence of lawful money of England paid to the hands of the Treasurer of our Court of Augmentations and Revenues of our Crown to our use by our beloved Augustine Hynde and Richard Turke Citizens and Aldermen of the City of London and William Blackwell gentleman Common Clerk of the same City whereof we acknowledge ourselves to be fully satisfied and paid and the same Augustine Richard and William their heirs executors and administrators to be thereof acquitted and discharged by these presents of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion and also with the advice of our Council have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blakewell All that our rent and annuity [and so forth].

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AND all that our rent annuity and yearly sum of seven shillings issuing out of messuages and tenements of the [Master] Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Pewterers of the City of London situate and being in Gregorje Alleye without Crepulgate London within the parish of Saint Giles without Crepulgate London which said yearly sum rent or annuity the same Master Wardens and Commonalty lately

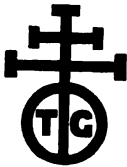
paid and used to pay yearly for the anniversary of Laurence Astelyne in the church of Saint Mary Abchurche London AND all that our rent annuity and yearly sum of thirteen shillings and four pence by the year issuing out of the same messuages and tenements in Gregorye Alleye aforesaid which said yearly sum rent or annuity the same Master Wardens and Commonalty lately paid and used to pay yearly to the Master and Brethren of the lately dissolved College of Acon in London AND all that our rent annuity and yearly sum of six shillings and eight pence by the year issuing out of the messuage called the Pewterers hall of the same Master Wardens and Commonalty and out of five tenements to the same messuage adjacent and appertaining situate and being in the street of Lyme-strete within the parish of Saint Dionis London which said yearly sum rent or annuity the same Master Wardens and Commonalty lately paid and used to pay yearly for the anniversary of Robert Astelyne in the parish church of Shapford in our county of Hertford AND all that our rent [and so forth]. * * * * *

ALL AND SINGULAR which aforesaid several yearly rents sums of money annuities and yearly sums above expressed and specified now amount in the whole to the clear yearly value of nine hundred and thirty nine pounds two shillings five pence and one halfpenny To HAVE hold and enjoy all and singular the aforesaid several yearly rents annuities sums of money and yearly sums and other all and singular the premises above expressed and specified with all and singular and every their appurtenances to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell their heirs and assigns for ever to the proper use and behoof of them the said Augustine Richard and William their heirs and assigns for ever without in any wise rendering paying or making account rent service tenure or any other thing therefor or for any part thereof to us our heirs or successors Any law statute act ordinance use custom provision proclamation or restraint to the contrary thereof had made published ordained or provided or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding AND we will and by these presents do firmly enjoin and command as well the Chancellor and General Surveyors and our Council of our said Court of Augmentations and Revenues of our Crown as all Receivers Auditors

and other Officers or Ministers of us our heirs and successors whomsoever for the time being that they and every of them upon the sole demonstration of these our letters patent or the inrolment of the same without other writ or warrant from us our heirs or successors in any wise to be obtained or sued forth shall make and from time to time shall cause to be made to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell their heirs and assigns full entire and due allowance and manifest discharge from all and singular the aforesaid several yearly rents and sums of money above expressed and specified and from every parcel thereof AND these our letters patent or the inrolment of the same shall be yearly and from time to time as well to the said Chancellor and General Surveyors [and] our Council of our said Court of Augmentations and Revenues of our Crown as to all Receivers Auditors and other Officers and Ministers of us our heirs and successors whomsoever for the time being sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalf AND MOREOVER of our more ample grace we give and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell all the issues revenues profits and arrearages of all and singular the aforesaid rents annuities and yearly sums above expressed and specified and of every of them arising or growing from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel last past until now To have to the same Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell without account or any other thing to us our heirs or successors in any wise to be rendered paid or done WE WILL ALSO and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell that they may have and shall have these our letters patent duly made and sealed under our Great Seal of England without fine or fee great or small to us in our Hanaper or elsewhere to our use therefor in any wise to be rendered paid or made ALTHOUGH express mention etc. IN WITNESS whereof etc. WITNESS the King at Leiges the fourth day of July.

By the King himself.

J^m pd more to the Clarke of the mearsers [Mercers] too pvse ouer owre corporation by my lord Mayers comaundement and for drawyng owt the effecte therof ij s.



The namys of them that gave napry to the hall in a° tercio Rs E vjⁱⁱ mence January ffyrst m^r curtes gave a playne table clothe for the hye table a dđ [dozen] of playne napkyns markyd w^t hys m^rke & a towell of cambryck. [Book of Inventories. The mark of Alderman Curtis here shown is copied from the margin of the Inventory.]

The inventory of the Company's goods in 1550 is here transcribed from the Book of Inventories for comparison with that of the previous century, printed at pages 68–76.

This is the Inuentori made by vs Wittm Hustwayte John Deye and Thomas Woodowce m^r and Wardens of the ffellowship of Pewterers the xvth daye of septemb^r In the ffourth yeare of the Raigne of o^r Soueraigne Lorde Edwarde the Syxte by the Grace of god of Englande ffraunce and Irelande kynge Defendour of the faithe and of the Churche of Englande and Irelande in yearthe the Supreme hed.

In the countynge howse.

In p ^r mis in Syluer Spones	xxj.
Itm in Garlande of Red veluet	iiij.
Itm vpon the sayde Garlande a pendaunt of Syluer and gylte of an Image of o ^r lady ij Scochyns of Syluer enanyueld w ^t the Armes of the Crafte and ij lylly pottē of Syluer & iiij strake of syluer waing all	
Itm a Common Seale of Syluer w ^t the Armes of the Crafte Grauen therin weyng	
Itm a Table of Waynscot w ^t a payre of Tresselle	
Itm a Carpet lyinge vpon the sayde Table	j.
Itm iiij Joyned formes wherof one Couered w ^t a Clothe Olde	iiij.
Itm in Chestē one blacke chestē couered w ^t lether and bounde w ^t Iron A cheste of Waynscote for Napery, and a lytle cheste paynted w ^t the Armes of the Crafte	iiij.
Itm a lytle newe forme and a chest of waynscot	ij.

Pewter.

Itm in Pottell Pottē	xij.
Itm in Quarte pottē	xiiij.

Itm in stope Pynte	xij.
Itm in Nuf half pynte	xiiij.
Itm in Salte Syllers w'owt Couers	vj.
Itm in Salte Sellers w' cou ^o whiche was had of mr blackwall	vj.
Itm iij basons & iij yores [ewers]	iiij.
Itm in iiiij li Chargers barrellid	xij.
Itm in Platters	ij ^{dd} xj.
Itm in dysshes	iiij ^{dd} ij.
Itm in Sawcers	iiij ^{dd} ij.
Itm in v lb chargars	vj.
<i>Moulde.</i>	
Itm in iiiij li Charger moulde brode bordered	j.
Itm in Newe fasshion Hatt Moulde	ij.
Itm in Spyce Plate Moulde	ij.
Itm in Narrowe bordered dyshe Moulde	j.
Itm in Narrowe borderyd Sawcer Moulde	iiij.
Itm a Readyng Patent w' the kyng ^e brode Seale of yelow ^e waxe in a Rownde lether boxe	j.
Itm a Lether Case w' Patent of the Armes of the Crafte	j.
Itm the laste confirmacon of the Corporacon of the Crafte Sealed w' grene waxe in a lether Cace	j.
Itm in Rowlys of wryttyng ^e bounde in bundell ^e of the Sute for Act ^e of plyament lying in the baye wyndowe	iiij.
Itm a longe boxe of waynscott to put banners in	j.
Itm a Table of Pewter w' euery mans Marke therein ¹	j.
Itm in Streamers of Sylke of o ^r lady	ij.
Itm in banners of the olde Armes of y ^e craft	j.
Itm in olde Stremers of Saynt Mighell	j.
Itm in other Small Stremers	j.
Itm in Trompet banners of Sylke	viiij.
Itm in Jurye bokes.	j.
Itm in Greate borded bok ^e of the Accompt ^e of the wardens	ij.

(1) The oldest of the existing Touch-plates is *temp.* Charles I.

I tem this present boke of Inuentories wrytten on gyfte of good people beyng of the gyfte of walter walshe whose name ys wrytten theron	j.
I tem in lytle boke w ^t blacke Coueringe	ij.
I tem in Tables wherin ys wryttyn the Othe of this Citie and of the Crafte and the Names of the hole Clothyng of the sayde Crafte	ij.
I tem in Markyng Irones w ^t the badge Or marke of the Crafte	ij.
I tem a standyshe of Pewter & a sandboxe of Pewter.	
I tem an olde boxe or Casket w ^t iij Corporacons Sealed w ^t grene waxe the one of Edward the iiij th and the other of kyng henry the vij th and the therde of kyng henry the viij th w ^t iij Patent Sealed w ^t yelowe waxe w ^t a Coppy of a Patent Sealed w ^t Red waxe graunted out by the crafte	vij.
I tem a whyte boxe w ^t dyuerse wrytyng	j.
I tem a boke of Acte of Parlyamente made in the xxvij th yeare of kyng Henry the viij th	j.
I f the ordynance of the craft	ij booke
I tem in Hangyng of Paynted worke Hangyng abowte the countynge howse	ij.
I tem in wooden Trenshers	iiij ^{dd} & vj.
I tem a jebet for golde ballande	j.
I f a payre of saye stonys & a payre of gold balande	

Napery.

I tem Dyap Table Clothes	ij.
I tem playne Table Clothes	v.
I tem Dyap Towelle	vj.
I tem Dpap Napkyns	iiij ^{dd} vj pece.
I tem Playne Napkyns	iiij ^{dd} .
I tem olde Hand Towelle of Dyap	
I tem a Cupborde Clothe wrought w ^t sylke of Neadleworke of the gyfte of Wiltm hustwait	j.
I f playne towelle wherof ther is oon fyne & two corse	ij.

In the hall.

Itm in longe Tables	v.
Itm in Tresselle	xiiij.
Itm in longe formes	iiij.
Itm in Shorte formes	ij.
Itm in Joyned Stoles	xij.
Itm in Scocshyns of the kynges Armes and the Armes of the Crafte	xviiij.
Itm in longe fote pace	iiij.
Itm Shorte fote stollys	xix.
Itm in Hangyngē abowt the hall	j pec.
Itm ij Scowchyns of the gyfte of Robert Taylo ^r one w ^t o ^r lady Assump- tyon & j w ^t y ^e kynges armes	ij.

In the buttry and ij sellers.

Itm a lytle bred-chest w ^t a couer	j.
Itm a lytle Awmbery	j.
Itm a lytle Ale Jestē & for beare	iiij.

In the Pantry.

Itm a greate cheste bounde w ^t Iron & a cord	j.
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In the kytchyn.

Itm a greate brasse pott weying	lxxxxv li.
Itm in lesse brasse pottē ij weyinge	iiij qrt ^l xx li.
Itm in lytle pannes of brasse	ij.
Itm a greate brasse pann weyinge	xxxiiij li.
Itm in spytte square and Rounde	iiij.
Itm a greate Gredyron weying	ix li.
Itm a dryppyng pann waying	
Itm a payre of Iron Rackē waying	
Itm a grene sawce mortar of stone w ^t a pestle	
Itm an Iron Couer for the ouyns mouth	j.
Itm a Dressyng borde w ^t tressellē.	
Itm a cestorn of lede for watt ^r	j.

Jtm a latten collynder j.

Jtm a latten skemer [skimmer] and a ladell.

In the larder house.

Jtm a boultynge Pype to boult meale in j.

In the Parlo^r ouer the hall.

Jtm in longe Tables iiij.

Jtm in Tressette vj.

Jtm in Joyned formes iiij.

Jtm a Carpenters forme j.

Jtm in longe banner staues iiij.

In the Garret ouer the Parlour.

Jtm in Small Iron beames w^t Scales of lether and w^{owt} Scales which were
forfyted xv.

Jtm a quarter waight of brasse j.

Jtm a waight of brasse of xiiij li.

Jtm a waight of brasse of viij li.

Jtm a waight of brasse of iiij li.

Jtm a waight of brasse of ij li

Jtm in half pound waight_e of brasse ij.

Jtm in quarter brassen waight_e ij.

Jtm in half C waight_e of leade [This entry is crossed through.] ij.

Jtm a lether bage to Carry waight_e in when Search ys made j.

Jtm a fyer bason of latten weying vj li.

Jtm in Cresette viij.

Jtm a hearse Cloth of Cloth of Golde j.

Jtm a boxe for the sayde hearsse Clothe and lynnyn Clothe to laye yt in

Jtm in whyte Cotton Cotes for bowe men vij.

Jtm in Strawen Hatt_e for Cresset berrers ix.

Jtm in Canuas ffrock_e w^t hood_e ij.

Jtm in tressette iiij.

Jtm in olde Tymbr for a bey wyndow ij pece

Jtm a Complet Harneys lackynge a showlder Plate iiij pece.

spent
abowte the
howssys.

I tem in Aprons of Male	iiij.
I tem in Gorgette of Male	vj.
I tem Almen Reuete [Almaine rivets] as backe & breste vij payre and vij payre of Splynte	for vij men.
I tem a nother payre of Splynts.	
I tem a payre of bregynders.	
I tem iiij scolle & x Sallette	xiiij.
I tem in sworde	x.
I tem in Daggers	vj.
I tem in Gorgette	vj.
I tem a payre of Canuas sleues	j.
I tem a payre of Gauntlyte	j.
I tem in olde legg Harneys	xiiij pecē.
I tem in shoulder pecē	iiij.
I tem in bowes	v.
I tem in Sheue of Arrowes	iiij.
I tem in new Cotes	xx.
I tem a mowlde for gonnys [later addition]	j.
I tem in lether botes for horssmen	ij.
I tem iiij Gones and three Hornes	vj.
I tem in bylle vj and in Halberde iiij	ix.
I tem a longe byll w ^t a long poynt	j.
I tem Gerdles for sworde	vj.
I tem spurres	ij pair.
I tem in Empty Casis for Arrowes	ij.
I tem a greate block w ^t fete to scowr harneys	j.
I tem a Skrene	j.
I tem in Lytle banner staues	v.
I tem in lether Jerkyns [later addition]	ij.
I f ther is two pecē of payntyd cloths that dyd hange in the hall be neth	ij.

In the Inner Yarde.

Item a bocket to the well w^t an Iron Chayne and a corde.

1551. In 1551 the minute books begin. They were first styled an "accompt" of "playnts and defaults," then of "complaints and acts," and later still of "all acts and things" done during the year. At the beginning of each yearly record is a general heading, the first (for the year 1551) being as follows: the page is much mutilated.

This ys the accompt of [the] playntē and defaltē done of the hole felowship of the yeare of Robert Taylo^r maister, John [Royston, Nycholas] Crostwayte Wardens whiche ys for the space of one ho[le] yeare begynnyng] at the feaste of Saynte Michaell the Archaungell In the [yeare of owre] lorde god a m^vclj And Endyng at the sayde feaste As more playnly heareafter appearythe.

Stuf taken at sturbrydg fayre by m^r Hustwayte and Wiffm baker.

In p^rmis George quyntyn a Brasse pott weyinge xiiij lli di John Warren of Walden ij Brasse morters stopped w^t leade weying xvj lli John Watson a Lytle mortar of Brasse weying v li xxxiiij lli di.

Itm pd for the half therof for the kyngē parte to Richarde Brasye, Wiffm Sherwoode and John merse, Offycers apoynted for the mayo^r of Cambrydg and the vnyuersyte [university] theare iiij s. iiij d.

Itm John Vmble of Berry ij myddyll plattē and a sawser weying iij lli qrt^r, John Warren iij Saltē weyng j lli qrt^r, John Watson a dysh and viij sawcers weyinge iij lli iij q^rters. **Itm** taken in owt Landysh Saltē with ij Lydde weying ij lli & a di of dyuerse mens S^m x lli.

. . . . **more** ij bottellē one of Lether and the her glasse wyssed w^t pewter of m^r . . . at Newgate. **Itm** ij other bottellē of glasse Couered w^t blacke Lether wyssed w^t pewter of the goodē of Randall Hankey dweling in the poultry.

Itm which iiij bottellē the foresayde Richard Brasye & his parteners hath ij of them and the other ij Remaynyng for the Crafte.

M^d agreed w^t the sayde Richarde Brasye Willm Sherwood and John merse for o^r parte of the forfayture of the last yeare in An^o 1551 that ys to saye for the half.

M^d that this accompt was audyt the xxjth daye of decem^br An^o quinto RRs E. vjth by Wiffm hustwayte, John dey, Wiffm haynes and Edward Rewe, So that we the sayde audytours do fynd by neclygence of mr.

Richard Crostwayte, Clement kyllyngworth & Stephyn Rowlanson late m^r, & wardens of the sayde felowship for mony which remayned in the crafts boxe after two Seuerall ffalls made by ij Seuerall Proclyma^ons of the sayde mony the one half of v ti x d, which mony ys but at this present daye, 1s. v d. [Foot of Account for 1550-1.]

¶ the same court [23rd October] m^r pecke wayte ys determyned to be forfet that ys to saye an viij lli for vij lli waite a x lli for viij lli wayte a iij lli w^t a Ryng a iij lli Wayte a ij lli wayte that ys ij li & a di and a vij li wayte that ys vij lli iij qrters.

1551-2. ¶ a Courte holden the fyrst daye of ap^rell yt was agreed that Robert West shall delyuer betwene this and Easter next comyng xxij li wrought in tankerd pott^e to mr Crostwaytes house one of the wardens, and ij s for workmanship.

¶ p^d for half a garnysh of new ffrenche vessell w^t doble ffyllyts and gravyd and a dosyn of Spanysh trenchers which was gevyn vnto my lady baker m^r Spekers wyf which vessell was bought of the mr of the Company wayng xl ti & di at x d. the ti. S^m xxxiij s. xd.

Sir John Baker, knight of the shire for the county of Huntingdon was Speaker of the House of Commons in Edward VI's first Parliament, 1547.

¶ p^d for a dynner at westmyenster for the mr. and wardens and the Secretary vnto bysshop hoper and certayne other . . . ij s. ij d.

John Hooper, the martyr bishop of Gloucester, was appointed to that see in 1550, and held the bishopric of Worcester *in commendam* in 1552. He was deprived by Queen Mary in 1553, and perished at the stake in Gloucester on 9 February, 1555.

¶ a Courte holden the xjth daye of Ap^rell yt was agreed betwene John Cutler and Rob^rt Webbe for a prynt and wheale and all that longeth therto whiche prynt the sayde Cutler bought of George Spragyns and hath Clerly solde yt to the sayde Robert Webbe for the some of xl s. which the sayde Robert ys agrede to paye vpon maye eyn next comyng And also the sayde Robert shall Suffer the sayde John to occupy the sayde prynt for the space of two yeares next ensuyng after this sayde daye before Rehersed.

At a Courte holden the tenth daye of maye yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce to geue vnto one Robert Torners sonne whose name ys peter torner which some tyme dwelled in mylkstreate beyng ffre of owre Company of pewterers, which nowe dwellyth in Northfock by occasyon he had Sute in the lawe in the Easter terme and of necessity lacking of help desyred the Charyte of the Company Wherefore the m^r Wardens and assystaunce hath geuyn hym owt of the Crafte boxe iiij s. iiij d.

Receued of Richard Selby vij half pynnt pottē which be forfeyt And yt ys agrede that he shall geue to John burnam the waight in mettell of one pot and as moch money as he was payde for the workmanship And also to geue vnto Anthony Cacher the waight of ij pottē & also for the workmanship q^r them And yf he be euer taken w^t suche lyke faute to be presented to the mayo^r & bense.

At a Courte holden the xxj^t daye of June Thomas hassill Complayned and sayde that harry martyn had called hym knaue in the open streate and harry martyn complayned and sayde that Thomas hassill sholde owe hym for a pownde of Tynne and also call hym Jack a napes and prating Jack. Wherefore yt was agreed that the sayde partys from hensforth sholde be lovers and ffrendē and to paye xij d. apece towardē the Relaffe of the poure people of the Crafte and iiij d. apece to drynk to gether before the m^r wardens and assystaunce and ij d. apece to the beadle And which of them that fyrst doth offend after this tyme to paye xx s. a pece according to o^r Ordenaunce w^tout Redempcion.

At a Courte holden the xiiijth day of August A^o 1551 yt was agreed at the same Courte by the hole Assistaunce that for Certayne Saltē which were made of laye mettall of dyverse mens which ought to haue byne made of fyne mettall to be broken forthw^t and the owners to haue theyre mettall agayne and the makers therof to beare the one half of the losse of workmanship and the owners therof that bought them to beare the other half of the workmanship And ffrom hensforth what so euer they be that makyth any saltē other then iiij s. salts and iij s. Salts and chopnets greate and small after the olde fashion that then they shalbe forfeyt And that no man make no Saltē of any new fashyon w^tout yt be allowed and adiuged by the m^r and wardens Except yt be of fyne mettell The makers of theyse Saltē be theyse men that folowe

Richard Pryer
Richard Selby
Lawrence Norfock

John Dobbys
John slack
Thomas Awger.

¶ At the same Court [23 September 1551] yt was agreed that the howse should beare the one half of the m^r and wardens charge at strbrydg fayre & they the other half.

¶ These ys to be hadd in Remembrance and gevyng you o^r successors to vnderstonde that of the almesmen of our sayd company whose names here aft^r followythe wee have not getheryd of any of them ether for there quarterayge or dynners but have frely sufferyd them to enioy the Releffe whiche they R^e of the howse whysshynge all other whiche in our Romes here after followe to supporte & maynetayne the lyke that the pore men may eu^{er} here aft^r be dyschargyd of there quarterayge and have there dynners frelye.

This and the following entry are from the Yeomanry accounts.

¶ Itm payde to the mr and wardens toward^e the sewyte yn the plyment howse then beyng mr mr taylor as yt dothe apere by a byll of Nycolas croswayte hande then beyng nether warden vj li. xiiij s. iiij d.

¶ It was agreed [16th December] by the hole asystaunce that the howse shold beare the one half of the mony gebyn to the poure at Saynt Bartholemews and the company of all the hole crafte the other half And the Assystaunce to be newe Seased for the payment therof By theyse men that folowe That ys to saye m^r Deye m^r Cacher and Stephin Rowland And the yemandry to be Seased by theyse men that folow that ys to saye Wittm Curtys and Allyn gardener And Collectours to gether the same Wittm Myll^e and Richard pryer.

1552-3. ¶ At a Courte holden the xixth daye of January. Yt was agreed betwene m^{rs} peck and George stockmede for Certayne Shroffe that her husband ought to m^r flecton which was iij q^rters ix li di which amountyth after xxxvj s. the C to xxx s. ij d. Whearvpon the m^r and wardens w^{ch} the assystaunce haue ended the same So that the sayde m^{rs} peck shall paye forthwith xx s. And so to be cleare of all matters betwene her sayd housband and the sayde m^r flecton ffrom the begynnyng of the world vnto the daye of making herof.

At the same Court [22nd February] Richard Willmson brought in his ffyne being xls. for the keping a man named Symond bradshaw w^{ch} went abrode in the Countree to seke work & when he cam agayne the sayd Richard set hym a worke vnknowne to the m^r and wardens, and for that yt was his ffyrst faultte the m^r & wardens w^t the asystaunce forgave hym for xij d w^{ch} he pd to the craft^e box & ij d to the beadle & ij to the clarck of the hall & yf he weare taken w^t the lyk ffaute to paye the whole w^tout ffavor.

At the same Court [15th March] yt was agreed that none of the Company should nother bye nor sell for no kynd of ware w^t Stephyn Callye of Westmynster from this daye forward vntyll yt should be farther determyned by the m^r and wardens vppon payne & penaltie of xls. w^tout Redem^{ti}on.

At the same court [13th April] harry tompson was before the m^r & wardens & assystaunce & there confessed that he had bought of Thomas holden vj gobbyte of mettall Sm waying iiij li v li xj li some more & some less at vj d. the j li.

At the same Court Thomas holden confessed that he had bought wⁱⁿ this xij monethes of John Smyth xl tymes sometyme vj ti v li xij ti some more some les always molten in a pan & bought yt for v d. & v d. qr the pound.

At the same Court Robert wilkynson confessed that Willm slack hath bought of one willm ffremlyn sertayne of the king^e vessell & the sayd wylkynson hath bought of the sayd ffremlyn three dysshes two platters barrell bordered the platters viij d. a pece & the disshes vj d. a pece.

At a Court holden the same daye [8th June] yt was agreed that yf any be taken to sother any wares with softe payle but only one kynd of payle being hard & substancyall such as shalbe made w^t tyne & peke & w^t no other kynd of mettall. Yf any such wares be other wise payled & yt be taken shalbe forfeyed And the makers therof to forfayte as moche in mony as the ware ys worth besyde the ware.

At the same Court yt was agreed that all those that lyd stone pott^e shoulde set their own marck on the in syde of the lyd & to bring in all such stone pott^e in to the hall wherby they maye be vewed yf

they be workmanly wrought & so be markyd w^t the marck of the hall on the owt syde of the Lyd. Also euery one that makyth such stone pottē shall make anew marck such one as the m^r & wardens shalbe pleasid w'all whereby they maye be known from this daye forward These pottē to be brought in wekly vpon the satterdaye and yf the satterdaye be holly daye then to bring them in vpon the ffrydaye And loke who doth the contrary shall forfayte for euery stone pott so duely provyd iiij d. in mony over and besyde the forfayte of all such pottē as be not brought in according to this artycle.

Another version of this order inscribed in the Jury Book orders the maker's mark as well as that of the Craft to be placed *outside* the lid.

At the same Court [8th June] yt was agreed that none of the hole Company of the Craft shall sey [assay] nor bye no tynne for no stranger nor Englyshman Except yt be for one of the Company being a ffreman of the same Craft or for his owne vse & occupying vpon payne to forfayte for every pece of tynne so sayde duly provid xx s. to be levyd & taken for the Releif of the pore of the sayd Craft.

At the same Courte [5th September] yt was agreed that mighell Doffelde sholde losse iiij pottē w^{ch} was taken at Saynt Albones for being vij graynes worse then ffyne & some viij some more & some lesse And yf he be taken w^t the Lyk ffaute agayne to be banysshed Clene out of the Craft forthw^t w^tout any ffavor to the which greament the sayd Doffelde hathe here vnder set to his hand.

Item Rs of mr Carye mr [Master] for the chaunge of a hatmolde.

This seems to refer to the ware known as the Cardinal's hat, but whether the term refers to the shape of the vessels or a device which they bore I cannot say.

Item pd to mr Hewet for patrons [patterns] of cloth for them that cam in to the livery iiij s. iiij d.

Item pd to the Carpenter for makyng o^r standing agaynst the crownacōn & for all things longyng to yt xxxiiij s.

This was the coronation of Queen Mary, which took place on 1st October, 1553, at the beginning of the Mayoralty of Sir Thomas

White. The Queen passed through the City on her way from the Tower to Westminster, and the City presented her with the accustomed gift of one thousand marks.

1553 and in A° p'mo Regine marie The xxviiiij day of January M^d Sartayn sogyars [certain soldiers] sent forthe of the Cety of london and delyu'yd to y^e lorde mayre of london at ledynhall the day & yere a bowe wryttyn to wayght appon the Duke of norfolke leftenant to staye sartayn rebellyons at Rochest^r in kent y^t ys [to] saye Syr Thoms Wyat knyght, Syr george harpar knyght, Syr harry Isley knyght, mr Radston.

1553 in A° p'mo Regine marie The second day of ffebruary M^d Sartayn sogyars made forthe to wayght appon the mayre and the lorde wyllm haward lorde admerall of England to kepe london brege & the cety at wyche tyme Syr Thoms Wyat and dyu's rebellyous came & lay in southewarke from satt'day at aft'non till tuesday the mornynge aft' beyng schroftuesday.

gunnars iiij.

John Jengley
Robert wylkynson
Rychard harryson

bowe men iiij.

Rychard wyllmson
Thoms awgar
Rawffe mollynars
Rychard borne

bylle men xiiij.

lawrans holstock
John barker
George lawe
John powell
Rychard crosse
Robart borne

Thoms wolschere
harry Tomson
Wyllm slacke
Stephyne baro
Rychard selbye
Rychard kyng

Rychard androwys.

London Bridge suffered siege early in 1554, during the rebellion of Sir Thomas Wyatt. He arrived in Southwark at the head of the City Trained Bands (whom by pretences he had induced to desert to him) on the 3rd February. Meeting with no opposition in Southwark, he destroyed the Bishop of Winchester's Palace, and laid two pieces of ordnance at the Bridge foot. He found everything well prepared for his

reception. Sir Thomas White, the Lord Mayor, had been assisted by Lord William Howard, as Lieutenant of the City; Queen Mary remaining meantime at Guildhall. The drawbridge at London Bridge was cut down and thrown into the river, the bridge gates shut, ramparts and fortifications raised round them, and ordnance planted to defend them. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, well armed for the conflict, had ordered all persons to shut their shops and windows and to stand ready harnessed at their doors, prepared for any event that might occur. After reporting to his followers the active measures of the citizens, Wyatt decided, upon consultation, to withdraw his forces to Kingston, and crossing the Thames there to enter the City from the West. He entered London on the 7th February, but after a sharp engagement, was compelled to surrender at Temple Bar, and was executed on the 11th April on Tower Hill.

1553-4. ¶ the same Court [12th January] Thomas hassill lost a platter ffor lack of workmanship.

¶ a Court holden the same daye [26th February] by the m^r Wardens and assystaunce the m^r Mayster kyllingworthe of his goodnes hath graunted to goo to the plyament at his owne proper Coste to Sue for the behofe of the hole Company So that yf he doo obtayne his purpose, the hole assystaunce hath promysed to paye hym his coste and charge for the Sute therof And yf the plyament be kept at Oxforde then the sayde assystaunce hath promysed to fynd hym a man & horsse to wayte vpon hym at theyr owne proper coste.

¶ also [7th May] the sayde Robert hethe was contented to be set a worke by the Company at iiij d. a daye meate & drynk.

¶ the same Courte [29th May] allyn gardener lost ij spanysh trenchers w^{ch} was forfayte.

¶ also yt ys ffarther agreed [14th July] by these psonnes afor-sayd that who so ever speakyth any more of the Seasyng that late was for the payment of the xxxli to the quens ma^{ty} shall paye for every tyme xx s. to be devyded amongs the pore of the sayd Craft w^{out} Redem^{con}.

At the same Courte [3rd September] the m^r Wardens and assystaunce w^t the hole clothing hath graunted that John Curtys sholde haue ffor markyng of every dosyn of stone pott^e whossoever brought them to marck one ffarthing.

At the same Courte [13th October] yt was agreed by the m^r Wardens and assystaunce that John Robson sholde brynge in his pawne which was xx s. for sothering otherwise then ys apoynted by the Craft And also yt was agreed that m^r makyns warden m^r Rowland, m^r baker John gery and Edwarde Reo shold over se all wares w^t in the Crafte to se so what sother they vse and so to brynge Reporte accordyngly by the tryall of the same and if they fynd any faute the m^r wardens & asystaunce to determyne the same.

At the same Court [7th November] Thomas Doffelde brought in Alman Revet that ys to saye a backe a Brest a payre of splynt^e a sallet & a gorget ffor his harnys that was lost by wyat [*i.e.* Wyatt's Rebellion].

At a Courte holden the same daye [16th November] by the m^r & wardens and mr Rowlandson harry Wright promysed to serve the sayde mr Rowlanson from this daye vntyll mighelmas next Comynge and to haue every daye that he workyth v d. to be payde hym monethly And yf he absent hymself from his sayde worck & be found at any vnlawfull game as dising bowling & Carding or any other such vnlawfull games Then the sayde m^r & wardens shall w^tout favo^r bryng the sayd harry wright before the lorde mayo^r of London & there declar all his demeano^r to the vttermost & so the matter shalbe holy put to the sayd Lorde mayo^rs order Provyded alwayes that the sayde harry wright vpon the sondayes & other holly dayes after devyne ſvice ys done shall take his pastyme in the ffeilde w^t his bowe Also the sayde harry dothe promys vnto the m^r m^r daye for monye whiche he owithe hym being the s^m of xix s. ij d. to be payde xx d. amoneth of his wag^e aforesayde and to paye the sayde m^r Rowland other xx d. a moneth of his sayde wag^e for mony he ow^t vnto hym.

At the same Courte [8th December] John powell payde for certayne mettall vntrewly myxt to the boxe ij s. & iiij d. betwene the bedle & the Clarcke, And yf he be taken w^t the lyke ffaute agayne shall paye x li w^tout favo^r besyde farther ponyshment.

Itm Rs of a pewterer of brystowe for spyce plat molde wayng xxvj lb at viij d. y^e pound xvij s. iiij d.

The following entries show that the soldiers raised by the Company had to pay for their own arms; it also shows the weapons used by the gunners, bowmen and bill men. The men were members of the Yeomanry of the Company, citizen soldiers, who left the workman's bench to go to the wars, and returned to their occupation when their services were no longer required.

Itm Rs of barker for his daggar vj d.

Itm Rs of Willm Slack for his sword & dagger ij s.

Itm Rs of Thomas awgar for his sword & dagger xvij d.

Itm Rs of Richard Kyng for his sword & dagger iiij s.

Itm Rs of John Powell for his dagger vj d.

Itm Rs of Richard borne for his dagger xij d.

Itm Rs of Raphe mullener for his dagger iiij d.

Itm Rs of John Yngley for his sword & dager iiij s.

Itm Rs of the bill of Seasement for the Quenes mony that was gathered of ye cōpany xxxiiij li xj s. viij d.

Itm Rs of the benevolence of ye company toward y^e plyament iiij li xvjs. S^m xxxviiij li. xviiij s. x d.

Itm pd ffor Caryng of the fframe that we stand in the lower end of Cornwall [Cornhill] when the Quene went to the Crownacion quene Marye vj d.

Itm pd for x Red night caps v s.

Itm pd for ij scotyshcaps for y^e bowmen xvj d.

Charge of the xx^{ti} men in Harnes that kept the Cyttye agaynst Wyat the Rebellyon as ffolowith [A few selected entries.]

Itm pd for a lyvery Bowe ij s.

Itm pd for a pound of matchis v d.

Itm pd for iiij tytche boxis xij d.

Itm pd for v swords at iiij s. apece xv s.

Itm pd to harry empson for his dagger xij d.

Jtm pd to Thomas Awgar for his bow ij s. iiij d.

Jtm pd to Robert Wilkynson for his sword ij s.

Jtm pd to the Collectours for a xvth & a half for the Cyttte for pagents x s.

1554-5. *The* iiijth day of m^{che} A vewe made for Repacyons to be done by willm^m vmbyll o^r Tenaunt at gregory ally at Crepull gate betwene this and mydsomer next in payne of forfayture his obligacyon. ffyrst he must Rype & poynt all the hole howses through w^t tylyng. To amend the wall^e which be broken in all the howsys where nede ys. To newe cast the ptye gutter betwene the whyte hynd & vs.

At the same Courte [31st May] before the m^r & wardens & assystaunce Stephyn Cawood of westmynster desyred the good will^e of the m^r wardens & assystaunce toward^e the brynging of hym as a brother among^e them, So yt was determynd to be ordered the next court daye being the quarter daye at mydsomer And so he to haue an Answer of all the hole Companys good will^e therin.

At the same Court yt was agreed that m^r heytwayte & m^r Baker shoulde be dayse men betweene m^r Clarck & Thomas gylberd for certayne mowlds w^{ch} ys in variens betwene them, So they are contentyd to abyde their award w^tout any farther Sute.

At a Courte holden the same daye [19th June] by the m^r wardens & assystaunce & most pt of the hole clothing yt was agreed that John Sandye shoulde be o^r offycer in the mayo^rs Court & he to haue for his ffee as others haue had in tymes past.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that the m^r m^r daye shoulde haue the next advoydaunce of anye of the howses belongyng to the hall in Lymestreate for his fvaunt Robert Sommers or for any frend of his they doyng as other men wyll doo.

At the same Courte [1st July] was most parte of the hole felowshp of pewterers and there was agreed as folow That ys to saye that none of the sayde Crafte shall bye anye Leade of Tylers, Laborers, Masons, boyes, nor of women Nor of none such as shall seme to be a Suspect pson except they can fynde good & suffycyent warrant for the same And that the byers therof will make answer for the same psonnes so Sellyng the sayde Leade, Also yt ys farther agreed that no man of the sayde com-

pany shall by no pewt^r Leade, or any other kynde of mettall of no suspect pson or psonnes at their stallē or ellē wheare before vj of the clock in the mornynge nor after vj of the clock at night in the Sommer Season And not before viij of the Clock in the mornynge nor after foure of the Clock in the after none in the Wynter Season And yf yt be provyde that any of the Company do the contrarye, and that the sayde pewter or Leade or other mettall shoulde chaunce to be founde stollen That then the byers therof offending in this artycle shold not only at the discredysson of the m^r wardens & assystaunce for the tyme beinge be dismyssyd from the companye neu^o [never] to occupye the same agayne But also shall stand to suche ponyshment of the Lord the mayo^r of London and the Aldermen of the same as they shall think mete for the same And that none of the sayde companye shalbe excusyd by his wif or servauntē nor none other suche lyk excuse.

¶ the same Courte [4th September] allyn dawson complayned of Thom̄s Hassyll for that he ought his predecessour certayne monye whiche was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce as ffolow^t that ys to saye the sayde Hassell shall paye for ix^c qrt of tynne bettyng & flotinge at iiij s. viij d. the C amotē to xliij s. ij d. also to paye towardē the Reperacions of his pytt & all his tolys v s. More for iij half C waightē xiiij s. iiij d. Sm̄ of all ys ij li xvij d. wherof he hathe payde xl s. So Rest to be payde to the forenamyd allyn dawson xxj s. vj d. To be payde forthw^t this present daye w^t any farther delaye.

ffynes [6th December] for naughty workmanship & not touching their ware. Willm̄ Readman vj bow pottē vj d. hugh wadelow ij Collecke ij d. [and sixteen others.]

¶ the same Courte [8th December] Thomas mason by the m^r wardens an asystaunce ys forgiven for ever duringe his povertye his quarterage yerely due vnto the Clothing So that he shall paye yearely to the yemandrye iiij d. for his qrterag.

¶ Rs for all the weddyngs whiche hathe bynne kepte in the hall this yeare being v in nobr x s.

¶ Rs of Robert heathe an Alman Revet That ys to saye a back and a brest a payre of splynts and a sallet.

J^m pd for a C di [$1\frac{1}{2}$ hundred] of Nayle viij d.

J^m pd for cutting of v shores [? saws] & basys v s.

¶ *Paymente of Almas men.* [Yeomanry accounts.]

Here follow the names of seven men receiving pensions of 6s. 8d. per annum, and two men receiving 5s. per annum, the total annual payments amounting to 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Arabic figures are first used in this year's date.

J^m p^d for a tableclothe of damaske worck con^t vij yard^e di for the highe table at v s. the yarde amo^u xxxvij s. vj d.

J^m p^d for makinge of the same & seting in the marck of the Hall
[Yeomanry accounts.] ij s. vj d.

1555-6. **¶** At the same Courte [17th January] George hudson was sent to the ward for that he made his laye worsse then the m^r saye by vij & viij graynes of p^fyt goodnes And yt was agreed that he sholde put in suertes to the m^r wardens & asystaunce for the p^fyt working of iiij^{xx} iiij li And also yf yt maye be found that any suche ware sholde be found in the hand^e of the company of his making to make yt good at all tymes And farther to put in suertes for his trewe workmanship & myxture of mettall hereafter Or ell^e to not to occupye any more for hymself.

¶ At the same Courte ffrank the glassyer and Willm^o Curtys complayned agaynst Thomas holden for that he solde suspesious Gobbet^e of Leade & other pec^e of suspect Leade. The sayd holden confessed that he hath certayne waight^e to the nom^br of xlii wch he sayth he hath melted & cannot tell of whome he bought them & he melt them sayth he for that no man wolde bye no waight^e ffarther he sayth that he hath solde to the goodman ffrank at iiij sondry tymes iiij C & odweight w^{ch} parte of that was cast in gobbett^e vppon the ground some of iiij qrters of a C & some in plate Leade.

¶ At a Courte holden the xxvij daye of marche At the same Courte yt was agreed that Richard mannyng sholde paye vnto Thomas mason the S^m of iiij s. iiij d. for that the sayd mannyng dyd not acording to his bond made betwene them delyuer certayne vessell w^{ch} the company of mynsterell^e shold haue occupied wherby the sayde mason was dryven to hyer vessell in another place wch was vj garnysh and payed vj d. for every

garnysh and viij d. for Caryage besyds the damage the said mason was dryven vnto And yf the sayd mannyng do breake in the lyk case agayne he shall stand to the order of the m^r & wardens & assystaunce for the tyme being what they shall adward for the same.

¶ the same Courte [27th March] Ellis kelsey some tyme fvaunt and appⁿtyc w^t mr Cacher & after fved w^t m^r Thomas hassyll & after w^t m^r hustwayte and after w^t Richard Waight ffrom the w^{ch} Richard he hath picked certayne tynne manyfestly provyd afore the m^r wardens & assystaunce Wherfore the sayde Ellis ys quyte dismysed for occupying in the crafte of pewterers for ever.

¶ the same Courte [3rd June] the m^r wardens and asystaunce in the name of the Lorde mayor of the Cyte gave comandm^t to all the hole company to provyde every man for hym and his howsholde suche convenyent Corne as he or they sholde think mete in tyme at ij s. iiij d. the Busshell.

¶ the same Courte [8th July] yt was agreed that Robert Wylkynson shall not after Mighelmas daye next comyng worke prevely in his backhowse but openly in a shop to the sight of all men comyng therbye vpon payne & forfayture for the contrary doinge to fyne xx s. to the company for every tyme that he ys taken w'all.

¶ the same Courte [21st August] yt was agreed for certayne monye & mettall that John Waryng owith vnto m^r heytwayte the S^m in monye iij li. xiiij s. ix d. ob and in olde laye mettall xliij li. iij q^ters wherof m^r heytwayte must allowe for fyne mettall weinge xvij li And more the sayde Warryng owith for the hyer of xiiij garnyshe & ij doss of Rowe vessell over and besyds ther ys lost of the sayd vessell one dyshe weing ij li The sayd Warryng haue promysed payment befor the m^r wardens & asystaunce & to come even with the sayde m^r heytwayt befor & on this syde viij dayes after myghelmas daye next comyng w'out any farther delaye And the sayde Warryng haue promysed to paye vnto the hande of John Curtys for the debt that he owith vnto John hicke the S^m of iiij s. in monye and xxj li of fyne mettall w'in iij dayes after the Natvyte of o^r ladye next comyng w'out any farther delaye and for a more Wytnes of both these promyses here vnder he hath set to his marck. [The "marck" is a Maltese cross with a pellet or dot in each angle.]

At the same Court [4th September] Ser peter Waryson was taken in Emongst the company to be a brother & he hathe payde for his quarterage xij d.

At the same Courte [18th September] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and asystaunce that m^r heytwayte m^r Ponder m^r kyllingworth Jarvis hilton and Willm Lamkyn shall from the ffeaste of Saynte Mychaell the archaungell next comyng vnto the same ffeast of Saynt mighell come Twelmoneth then next folowing that ys to saye for one hole yeare. Searche throughowt all this Realme of Englande (London and gravisende & tenne mylles abowt london only except) And they to paye Clerelye to the hall the S^m of Twelue pounde To be payde at the ffeaste of all Saynte next comyng, And ffarther yt ys agreed that the sayde ptyes aforesayde at their owne proper coste and charge shall beare and paye all manner of Enformacions, penaltis Somes of monye & other charge what so ever yt be due or to be due to the king & quens ma^e for all manner of ware or wares & other thinge that by them shall chaunce to be taken seased and forfayted So that they the sayde partyes shall save & kepe harmeles all the hole crafte for all manner of matters concernyng the Seasuer aforesayde And what so ever they shall happen to sease or take as forfayt to be only to the sayde ptyes, they answering the king & quens ma^e parte at all tymes In Wytnes wherof the ptyes aforesayde to this present agrement haue put to their hande yeouen the daye aboue wrytten A^o 1556 And farther the sayd partyes shall paye the one half of the wrytting & sealing of another Reading patent & the howse shall beare the other half

p me mighell heytwayt
 be me symond ponder
 be me Jarvis hilton
 be me wyllyam lamkyn.

At the same Court [25th September] yt was agreed by the m^r Wardens and assystaunte that John Curtis the beadle shal haue to his owne proper vse all the weddinge that shalbe kept in the hall yerely as his predecessours haue had in tymes past to make the best he can of them.

At the same Courte [17th October] it is agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce and the hole clothing that who so ever was chosen steward and assocyate wth John mathew sholde haue his charge borne by the craft^e boxe over and aboue the xls. w^{ch} hath byne accustomed to be geven to the steward^e for this yeare.

At the same Courte my Lorde the mayo^r sent by comission to the companye for the S^m of xli. to be geven to brydwell or the companyes answere therin to the wch the companye answered that they are contentyd to paye their monye of benyvolence wch they do geve frely wekely in their severall pishes where they dwell And for that m^r Alderman Curtis is taken from them who was wont alwayes to bear the one half of suche payment^e they ar not able to paye such a S^m but desyrethe to haue a leser S^m of them to be had.

At the same Courte [12th November] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that no pson being of the clothing shall from hensforthe have as aprentice^e aboue the Nombr of two at one tyme And that no pson owt of the yemandry shall have as aprentice aboue the Nombr of one at one tyme and who so ever shall happen to do contrary to this article shall forfayte and paye x li for fyne according to the Ordenaunce Provyded alwayes and it is agreed that every man shall enioye those pntice^e that he hathe before the making of this ordenaunce.

At the same Courte [1st December] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens assystaunce and the most pte of the hole clothinge that no pson of the companye shalbye any Cornysh tynne or devonshere tynne w^{out} he do take ij li for the Clof of every pece of Cornysh tynne And to take one pound for the Clof of every pece of devon tynne And who so ever byeth any suche tynne contrary to this article shall paye for every pece of Cornyshe tynne in the name of a ffyne to the Craft^e boxe tenne shilling^e And for every pece of devon tynne so bought contrary to this artycle v.s. w^{out} any favour.

At the same Courte [12th December] it was agreed that Willm Mullyns and Richarde hudson sholde haue the Releif of the yema^{dr}s boxe as folowth that is to saye betwene them the porcion of one man w^{ch} is vj s. viij d. a yere so that the yemandry shall have the nombr of

An Ordar
to by no
tynne
w^{owte}
cloffe.

viiij psons and when any do fall then they shall have vj s. viij d. a yere either of them and they shalbe payd now at Christmas next comyng for the first quarter that is to saye x d. a pece and so quarterly vntill any do fall.

@t the same Courte [24th December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that the hole Clothing and certayne of the yemandry shoulde be seased for the payment of xli. towarde the payment of xxv li. geven to brydewell and the howse to paye xv li. And when so ever there sholde Remayne clere to the craft^e boxe xx li. and the howse owt of debt then the ptyes so seased sholde haue their mony agayne owt of the Craft^e boxe so that the howse then sholde bear the hole S^m of xxv li.

Itm pd to the Collectours in ffarthingward [? Farringdon] for a Subzedye for o^r hall as doth appeare by a byll of their owne hands, due to the Quene in Maye last S^m xxvij s.

Itm pd for an Ell & a quarter of Camerick for yo^r ansigne v s. viij d.

Itm pd for Gylding of the same ansigne xxx s.

Itm pd for the one half of the Charge of another Readinge patente. S^m xvj s. viij d.

Itm pd for iiij paire of ffrize Slappes [for military equipment] viij s.

Reperacions done uppon o^r lande in ffanchurche streate vpon the howse called the iij tonnes & patrick kewes howse.

Itm pd to the Carpenter for xx C of lathe at x d. the C. S^m xvj s. viij d.

Itm pd for xlix fote of Evis [eaves] Borde ij s.

Itm pd for ij Rafters of a xj fote a pece xx d.

Itm pd for a puncheon of vj fote viij d.

Itm pd to the Carpenter for half a dayes work vj d.

Itm pd to ye Iremonger for nayles as yt apearyth by his byll of pcells xxj s. viij d.

Itm pd to the Tylemaker for vj m^l tyle at xj s. the m^l. S^m iij li vj s.

Itm pd to lyman for ij C iiij lode of lyme xvj s.

Itm pd for xvj Ruf [roof] tyle xvj d.

Itm pd for iij busshells di [3½ bushels] of tyle pynnes ij s.

Item pd for a ti of Candell ij d.
Item pd for viij lode of Sande at viij d. the lode v s. iiij d.
Item pd to the plumer for Casting of a gutter weinge xxxv ti di viij d
Item pd to the mr Tyler for xxvij dayes work at xij d. the daye xxvij s.
Item pd to his laborers for xxiiij dayes apece at viij d. the daye apece xxxij s.
Item pd for Caryage awaye of xij lode of Rubbyshe iiij s.
Item pd for wrytting and engrosing of this accompte S^m vj s. viij d.
Also we fynde in the hands of mr ponder for certayne bottells and mettall taken on bartylmew daye w^{ch} was praysed at xxxvij s. ij d. the one half thereof due to the quene & the other half to the howse wch as yet ys vncompted for w^{ch} ys. xvij s. vij d.

The Inventory for this year has in addition to a "Banner of the olde armes of the craft," "One Ansigne of sylke w^t the newe Armes of the Crafte." [Book of Inventories.] The costs of making this new banner or ensign, amounting to 35s. 8d., are set out on the previous page.

Item viij Banners of harts heds & Roses in the myds ij of Silke & ij of Clothe, and iiij small pendants w^t harts heds of the gyfte of m^r ashlyn. [Book of Inventories.]

1556-7.—**At** the same Courte [15th January] the m^r wardens and assystaunce for matter in varyence betwene m^r hustwayt & Robert west w^{ch} was for certayne monye the sayde west ought vnto the sayde m^r hustwayte dyd ordayne that the sayde west shoulde vpon twesdaye next comyng worke a q^{ter}ne waight of tankerd pott^l & so being wrought to delyuer them Imedyatly vnto the sayd m^r hustwayte and R^e the waight in olde mettall and to be payd for the workmanship of the monye he owth him w^{ch} is viijs. vij d. & so from thence forth to work every fortnight of tankerd pott^l a q^{ter}ne waight vntill the sayd viij s. vij d. be payd.

At a Courte holden the same daye [30th Jan.] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce That if any man of the felowship do from hensforthe make or cause to be made prevely or apte [aperte, *i.e.* openly] any measure pott^l comonly called taverne pott^l of any lease measure then by the standerd apoynted for the same pott^l that then the p^{son} so

making any suche pottē lesse then measure shall paye for making default therof to the craftē boxe Tenne poundē And if the pson so making Default be not able to paye the sayd fyne of xⁱⁱ then the m^r wardens and assystaunce shall so Sue the same pson that he shall stand on the pillarye thre lawfull market dayes according to the order of the Cytie for suche ofenders w^hout any favo^r therin to be shewed.

At the same Courte [13th March] John Cutler payde for a fyne of ij brasse pottē wch weare taken forfayte at gravisend ffayre waying xxxij lli wch pottē weare falsly myxed And it was agreed that he sholde haue the mettall agayne when the pottē weare broken for this tyme.

At the same Court yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce and the hole companye that no pson of the sayde companye shall from hensforth make or cause to be made any Eare Disshes fflower delicē [fleurs de lis] or any other manner of Eares except suche eares be cast in the mowldē to gether w^h the body of suche disshes so made and not to be sothered to the body as heretofore they have done And whosoever doth make any suche disshes contrary to this article shall paye & forfayte for every dosyn dishes so made & therof being convict iij s. iiij d. w^hot favor.

At a Courte holden the same daye [5th May] Robert west was sent to the warde for making of ffalse measure pottē by the comaundement of my Lorde the Mayo^r.

At the same Courte yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that harry Ractlyf sholde haue Lycence to goo into yorkeshere to his brother and there to Remyne for ever if he will so that he do not occupy the crafte of pewterers as by due prof therof maye be had in wrytting & set to the m^r & wardens for the tyme being and that it was also agreed that he sholde haue owt of the craftē boxe towardē his chargē to bring hym thether iij s.

At the same Courte [14th May] the m^r gave leve vnto Thomas Duffilde to goo in to the contre to se his mother and there to Remyne at his pleasuer so that he be at london agayne w^hin xiiij dayes after his depture towardē his Journey.

Be yt Remembered that all manner of Lymbecke is made of ffyne and the burnyng ys of leye and the knop of the stille is fyllyd w^t leade.

At the same Courte [14th June] it was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce that all suche psons as had any pott^e made by Robert west they sholde as well bryng a bill of such waight as also the losse sustayned by the same.

m ^{rs} ashlyn takerd pot ^e weing xlvj li lost	vij s. iij d.
James bayne xvj li waight . . . . .	.ij s. vij d.
Nicholas Torner iiij ^{xx} j li lost . . . . .	.ix s. iij d.
Thomas Elyot Cxx li lost . . . . .	.xvj s. j d.
Wittm Readman xxxix ⁱⁱ di lost . . . . .	.vij s. vj d.
Robert Bakehowse ix li di lost . . . . .	.ij s.
Wittm Myll ^e j C ^q xij li lost	xxvij s. iij d.
Thomas hassill xl li lost . . . . .	.vj s.
Rob ^t grave xxvij li Lost . . . . .	.iij s. iij d.
John harvy xxxij li tankerd lost . . . . .	.v s. viij d.
Wittm Hooton iiij ^{xx} iiij li lost . . . . .	.ix s. vj d.

At the same Courte it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Robert west shoulde quyte be dismissed owt and ffrom the occupying the Crafte & mistery of pewterers & that none of the same company shall nother by nor sell w^t hym from hensforthe for ever vpon payne & forfayture of x li.

At the same Courte [14th August] all the hole assystaunc^e dyd agree that Richard Wittmson shoulde have warnyng to advoyde ow^t of his howse betwene this and Chrismas next wthout any farther delaye for that he wolde not come & apeare at the warnyng of the m^r & wardens by vertue of a Commission sent vnto them by the lorde mayo^r for the apoynting of xx men to wayte vpon the quene but when the sayd wittmsom was warned wolde not be found but kept his howse and not be sene.

And that yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that harry Tompson shoulde haue the Vewe and markinge of all stone pott^e and he

shoulde marke none but those that be substancyally wrought And for his paynes taking in the same he shoulde haue his howse Rent ffree vntill farther order were taken beginnyng at mighelmas next & so forward.

The xixth daye of August being the same daye that m^r Clarck was buried. ffynes for late comyng to dirige mr baker iiij d. [and six others.] ffynes for late comyng to masse. mr mylle ij d. [and four others.] Thomas hassill for missing both at dirige & masse ij s.

At a Courte holden the same daye [22nd September] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Thomas Nicolle shoulde be chosen as warden for the yemandry for and in the name of his m^r John Burnam for that he is owt of towne vpon this condicōn folowing that is to saye if the sayde John Burnam come agayne afore the yemandryes feast be past or afore the m^r & wardens of the yemandry geve vp their accompt and do well and trewly paye vnto the sayde Thomas Nicholle all such monye as he shall happen to laye out betwene this and that tyme abowt the necessary busynes of the sayde wardenship That then the sayde thomas Nicolle shall peaceably & quyety goo forthe of the same office as though he had never be chosen to yt And if it happen the sayd burnam do not come home by the tyme aforesayd or otherwise do not paye the said Nicolle his monye as ys aforesayde Then the said Thomas Nicolle shall enioye the sayde office of wardenship for hymself and never hereafter to be elect or chosen or otherwise troubled neither for the office of m^r nor yet wardens of the yemandrye agayne.

Monny that is gathered for a gift to sr[?] Thomas Curtis knight and lorde mayo^r of london fyshmonger & before shreif of London pewterer for the Sm[?] of x li. and the Rest geven to the howse.

	<i>Bridewell.</i>	<i>mony geven.</i>
m ^r cacher	x s.	v s.
m ^r crostwayt	v s.	v s.
m ^r mylle	vj s. viij d.	x s.
m ^r Carye	vj s. viij d.	vj s. viij d.
m ^r hustwayt	x s.	v s.
m ^r killingworth	x s.	
gevyn to the howse		

	<i>Bridewell.</i>	<i>mony geven.</i>
m ^r daye	iiij s.	v s.
m ^{rs} Clarck	x s.	v s.
m ^r Royston	vj s. viij d.	vj s. viij d.
m ^r heytwayt	x s.	
m ^r wodowce	iiij s. iiij d.	iiij s. iiij d.
m ^r baker	iiij s.	iiij s. iiij d.
m ^r ponder	vj s. viij d.	iiij s. iiij d.
Richard pryer	xx d.	ij s.
Jarvis hilton	v s.	
m ^r Rowland	iiij s. iiij d.	ij s. viij d.
m ^r makyns	iiij s. iiij d.	
John gerye	v s.	
geven to y ^e howsse		
Edward Reo		v s.

he lent to brydwell v s. wyche he wold not geve to my lorde mayre.

Thomas whitbe	ij s.
Wittm Curtis	x s.

gevyn to y^e howse ffrelye the order before wryten to be voyde.

Richard Scot	x s.	
Will haynes	ij s.	iiij s.
Thomas allyn	vj s. viij d.	
John benston	ij s.	xij d.
Thomas hassill	vj s. viij d.	
Allyn gardener	ij s.	iiij s.
John mathewe	ij s.	
mrs. ashlyn	x s.	xx s.
John harvy	ij s.	

Of the which monye m^r warden myll^e layd owt for the mony that was geven to brydewell the S^m of v li. v s. to be payd agayn by the howse at & before shrove sondaye next comynge A^o 1557.

¶ the same Court [5th October] the m^r of the yemandry complained agaynst Robert maryner for that he wolde not goo wth them to the offering of Stephin gartons daughter & gaue the said m^r apbrobrious wordē yet vpon entreat of the m^r the m^r & wardens and assistaunce for gaue hym.

¶ the said Court the m^r of the yemandry complained agaynst ffraunce foliot for that he mysused hym self towardē the porter that kept the gate on o^r Lady daye the assumpon being yo^r dynner daye the said foliot throwed a great brickstone agaynst the gate & disquyeted all the whole company Yet vpon entreat of the assistaunce & the said m^r of the yemandrye he was forgeuen.

¶ a Court then holden [21st October] yt was agreed for mater in varyaunce betwene harry Normand & Wittm abdye for all manner of Reconyngē Sute quarellē strifē and debates from the beginnyng of the worlde vnto this daye that the said harry shall paye vnto the said Willm abdye in monye forthwith ijs. & so to be lou^s & frendē. Provided alwayes that the obligacon of xxxvj s. wch is in the handē of the said hary normand payable by x s. a quarter the first payment due at hollandtid next shall stand in effect acording to the teno^r therof.

¶ the same Courte there was a newe marck devised by the m^r wardens and assistaunce for Robert west w^{ch} was a W. f. and he denyed yt & wold not haue yt.

¶ the same Courte [10th December] my lorde of Burgaveny complained agaynst John bowlting for certayne lymbeckē wch was fawtie solde vnto hym Yt was agreed that the said bowlting shall content his m^r m^r baker for one newe Lymbeck and he shall make another substancially & delyuer hit to his said m^r & so to be marked wth the mark of m^r Baker & then delyuered by m^r baker to my lord.

¶ the same yt was agreed that John burnam sholde be Banysshed the company for ever.

¶ Rs of water makyns for a Beame x s.

¶ Rs of mr killingworthe mr heytwayte mr ponder Jarvis hilton and Wittm lamkyn for their lycence in going throughowt England to serche xij li.

- Itm** pd to Edmund browne o' Clarck for the wrytting of the Indenture of Coumaunts [?covenants] and the Lycence of the whole crafte betwene vs and mr killingworth and the rest that went to searche
vj s. viij d.
- Itm** pd for pecking of a grene sawce mortar ij d.
- Itm** pd for ij plates for the Oven mouthes and for one of them was there geven by the smith an newe trevet to be put into yt and so we payd for the workmanship and the over waight of Iron v s. viij d.
- Itm** pd for making of one Newe spyt and for mendinge of iiij olde & mending of a grediron xvij d.
- Itm** pd for iiij new bills iij s. viij d.
- Itm** pd for dressing of a swerde & a payre of Hilts & a newe scaberde xij d.
- Itm** pd for a newe sheve of arrowes and Repayring of other iij sheves & for mending of their Casis v s. x d.
- Itm** pd for mending of iij gonnes xiiij d.
- Itm** pd for half a pound of gonne powder vj d.
- Itm** pd for making clene of x swords & for vj new scaberds iiij s. ijd.
- Itm** pd for a quarter of doble tenpenny nayle and half a C single x penny nayle & ij Joynts xiiij d.
- Itm** pd for a Rope for the well viij d.
- Itm** pd to brydewell owt of the crafts boxe xv fi.
- Itm** pd for o' dynner at billingsgate when the tankerd potts were broken ijs.

Charges in setting forthe of Tenne men agaynst the french king by Commission of my lord mayo'. [Three selected items follow.]

Itm pd for their barge hyer to gravisend xx d.

Itm pd for xxx yards of white cotton at vij d. o^b the yarde and a quarter of Red at xj d. S^m of bothe is xix s. viij d. wherof there was cut owt iij yards for one cote and the rest delyu^ed agayne to the drap whiche was losse for every yarde o^b amounts to xiiij d. o^b and for the iij yards Remayning at vij d. o^b the yard amounts to xxij d. o^b S^m iij s. xjd.

Itm pd for making of the same Cote iiij d.

Charges in setting forthe of xx men whiche weare appoynted to serve the Quens ma^{ti} by my lord mayo^m comysson. [A total of 59s. 8d.]

These levies were for the disastrous war with France, into which Queen Mary was led by her consort Philip.

J^m pd to iij gonners that is to saye Ric^o harrisson Raphe mullyners and Nicholas Browne at my Lord the mayo^rs comaundement . . . x s.

M^o lent by certayne of the companye & payde in to the hands of m^r Cacher Stephin Rowlanson and Wittm Haynes towards the payment of xxv li. whiche was geven ffrelve towards the ffurnytur of Brydewell the xvth of Decebr Anno 1556, And must be payde agayne according to the grement of all the hole clothing at the chargs of the howse in manner & forme folowing that is to saye when soever there shoulde Remyne clere in the crafts boxe xx li. and the howse owt of debt, then the pties hearafter folowing who by estymacion haue payd suche somes as is lymyed vpon their heds shall be payde their monye agayne.

The Book of Inventories contains a transcript of the will of Michael Heythwayte, citizen and Pewterer, of which he made the Company overseers, with a gift of 40*l.* and 40*s.* yearly, to the Master and Wardens during the minority of his heirs. He lived in the parish of St. Bennet Fink, and died in 1557. Preceding this document is a Latin deed of feofment from Mr. Heythwayte to Edward Catcher and Nicholas Crosthwaite, on behalf of the Company, of a house at Eltham in Kent, the Three Kings at Aldgate, and a house at London Stone, in the parish of St. Swithin.

An important Act of Common Council passed on 27th September, 1555 (2 and 3 Philip and Mary), regulating the custom of apprenticeship, is entered in a book of ordinances of the Ironmongers' Company. It provides that no person should be admitted to the freedom of the City (and so be enabled to set up in business) before reaching the age of twenty-four, nor were apprentices to be taken for fewer years than such as would bring them to that age on coming out of their time. The reason that is alleged is the great poverty lately arisen within the City, of which "one of the chiefest occasions," it is said, "is by reason of the over hastie marriages and over sone setting up of housholdes of and by the youth and young folkes of the sayde citie, which hath commonly used, and yet do, to marry themselves as sone as ever thay come oute of theyr appren-

tishode, be thaye never so young and unskilful, yea and often tymes many of them so poore that they scantly have of their proper goodeyes wherewith to buye their marriage apparel and to furnyshe ther houses with implementes and other thinges necessary. for the exercise of ther occupations." Nicholl's *Ironmongers' Company*, 72-73. Nearly a year later, on the 15th September, 1556 (3 and 4 Philip and Mary), an order of the Common Council limiting the number of apprentices was assented to by several of the Companies, chiefly those belonging to the minor crafts. "This day the Wardeyns of the Founders Comp^y, Pastelers, Bowyers, Tylers, Fletchers, Blaksmys, Spurryers, Joyners, Weavers and Cordweyners, Coryers, Plomers, Paynters, Masons, Armurers, Cutlers, & Pewterers, dyd here appere, and were very well contentyd and agreable to stande to the order of this Corte for the apoyntyng of the nombre of the Apprentices that ev'ry Householder of ev'ry of there fealowshipes shall receive and keepe at once, and by cause of the sayd Wardens of the Founders and others confessed that they had certayn Ordenances for the same effect already, they have this day seven-nyght to bring in their Bookes thereof, and as for the reasidue as yeat not having such Ordenances the Corte agreyd to call theym agayne shortly." *City Records*, Repertory 13^r, fol. 426b.

1557-8.—**@t** a Court holden that daye [18th June] by the m^r wardens assistaunce & most parte of all the whole company of pewterers yt was agreed that no psonne from hensforth shall make any tankerd pott^e or hoped pott^e but they shall sother the same wth fyne mettall in all plac^e saving only the setting in of the bottam and who so ever shalbe taken doing contrary to this article shall forfayte all suche pott^e from mydsomer next folowing forward^e.

@t a Court holden the same daye by the m^r wardens and assistaunce Stephin barowe complayned of Allyn dawson for taking awaye his standinge at kingstone fayre So yt was agreed the said allyn dawson to laye downe his fyne for the same who so did yet the mr wardens & assistaunce for that he shewed hymself gentill toke no more of hym for this tyme but xij d. the one half Stephin barowe had & the howse the hother half w^{ch} was vj d.

At the same Courte John sawnderson brought in his fyne for going in to the Countree to worke w^{ch} was no monye but spones & the mr wardens & assystaunce was good vnto hym for this tyme & toke but a dosin of spones for his offence & if he be taken wth the lyke faut hereafter he shall paye his whole fyne w^{thout} favo^r. Also yt was agreed he shoulde paye for openyng his shop forthwth iij s. iiij d.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that Peter Rigsby Svaunt wth Edward Rewe shoulde for amendē paye vnto John Cutler for that he pulled of his bearde ijs. betwene this and midsomer next and if any of them do one mocke or scorn the other or otherwise make any ofence the first offender shall paye xx s.

At the same Court [26th June] John Cutler complayned agaynst George basker for mony he owth hym beinge iij s. iiij d. yt was agreed that the said Basker shall from this daye forward wekely lyd vj stone pottē w^{ch} comyth to x d. vntill the said mony be paid.

At a Courte holden the same daye [1st July] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce yt was agreed (for certayne varyaunce betwene Thomas fisher and wittm Jones for the service of Richard bigg whiche was hyred by fisher to serve wekely wth hym one weke and another weke wth Jones) it is agreed that the said Richard Bigge shall forthwth worke wekely for the space of iij wekē to gether Immedyatly after this daye wth Wittm Jones and after that iij wekē ended to worke wth thomas fisher one weke and wth the said Jones another weke and so to contenewe wth bothe pties vntill mighelmas next and then the said bigge to be at his libertie.

The first of Julye Anno 1558. Also yt is ordered and agreed that no man of the sayde Crafte shall sell no rough vessell to no parson for any mony or other wise vpon Payne and forfayture of all the sayde vessell so solde the one moyetie wherof to be to hym or them that canne fynd the same and the other moitie to be to the use of the maister and wardens and Cominaltie of the sayd mistery. [Jury Book.]

At a Court holden [5th August] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce Yt was agreed that John Taylo^r shoulde be Receyued agayne as a Brother of the company but if ever he goo owt in to the Countree to worke agayne he shalbe clene dismyssed & neu^r [never] be Receyued agayne.

¶ a Courte holden the same daye [2nd September] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that m^r Mill^e and Wittm Curtis shoulde goo to sturbridge fayer & there serche and that that they take sholde Remayne to the howse and they shall haue for their paynes toward^e their charge the S^m of x s.

¶ a Courte holden [22nd September] by the m^r wardens and the whole Clothinge yt was agreed that Thomas armestronge shoulde be dismissed owt of the company and from hensforth taken as no brother of the companye for that he will not com contributor to all maner of Charge and beare office accordinge to o^r Ordenaunce.

Ware taken and seasid by m^r Mill^e warden and Wittm Curtis apoynted to goo to serche at sturbridge as folowith

A fayre at Saynt albones	
taken of George bate of alesbery a sawc ^r	di tti.
vj chopnet ^e of Laye	iij tti di

Taken at sturbridg fayer

of harry Ractlyf a iij tti platter not marked iij d. & he marched in company wth a french woman
of Thomas Lessy victualler vij platers xj dishes Ruf of Laye pōz [poids, i.e. weight] xl tti

¶ a Courte holden the saide xixth daye of octobr it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that no pson of the same Company shall take any aprentice but the Clarck shall make their Indentures and who-soever that dothe put their Indentures to make to any other pson they shall paye vnto the Clarcke his duetie although he make them not w^{ch} is viij d for every payre.

Willm Baryson who cam in by Redemcōn was sworne [4th November].

This is an early instance of the use of the term Redemption.

¶ the same Courte [10th December] Thomas hassill laid downe vj s. viij d. for that he ware not his Lyvery gowne at the Mayors ffeaste but the m^r wardens and assystaun^t agreed shoulde haue it agayne for this tyme and if he be taken wth the lyke faute agayne he shall paye doble as the m^r & wardens shall se cause.

Richard selby hathe promysed [10th December] to bring in a spone of an oz or better betwene this and Christmas even next and delyuer the

same vnto m^r warden Curtis hande or vj s. viij d. in monye or effe to advoyde the wearing of his hood & not be taken as one of the clothing. — [*Rough Minutes*, 21.]

At the same Courte [30th December] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce and the hole Lyvery that the m^r and wardens shall not Lycense any to set vp or open his shop, vnto such tyme as the pson that comyth owt of his yeares do come before the m^r wardens and assystaunce and bring his m^r wth hym to make report of his behavo^r, substaunce, and what workman he is so that he may be knowne whether he be worthy to set vp or not.

The Charges of the Tenne harness men whiche weare Charged to [*sic*] serued the king A^o Quarto & Quinto Regis et Rigine Philipi et Marie the forth of January Anno 1557. [S^m iij li v s. ij d.]

J ^m for vj charge boxis	v d.
J ^m for v shoting gloves	xx d.
J ^m for gerdles iij	ij s.
J ^m for ij payre of shewes	xij d.
J ^m pd to the Beadle for his charge going to Qinborough [<i>sic</i>] to delyuer them to the capetayn	viiij s. xd.

The Charge of the xx men whiche went to serue the Quene at Callyce set out the xiiijth of Janu^y Anno 1557 of the w^{ch} x went owt.

J ^m pd for ij armyng swords	v s.
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The total sum paid was 3*l.* 18*s.*

J ^m pd for newe Russhes for the plo ^r	xij d.
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J ^m pd for a lytle Iron ladle to make sayes [assays]	ij d.
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Clement Killingworth, Citizen and Pewterer, who died 22nd November, 1558, left to the Company certain contingent benefits arising from a wharf and tenements in the parish of St. Mary Somerset. The bequest was subject to default of issue to the testator's son, and no benefit seems to have resulted to the Company. Killingworth lived at the sign of the White Horse, the tenancy of which after his death passed to his apprentice Richard Thompson. His will is transcribed in the Book of Inventories, and in the Inventory of 1556 are the following entries:—

In the Last will & testament of m^r killingworth. **A**nd that m^r Killingworthe hathe his wyll delyvered agayne the vj daye of september 1558 by the m^r & wardens that tyme being.

The following ordinance is from the Jury Book :—

The therde daye of marche Anno 1558 in the tyme of m^r Royson m^r Willm Baker and willm Curtis wardens. Also be it ordeyned that no parson of the sayde felowship shall reuile slaunder or Taunte one another before the maister and wardens beinge other settinge in their courtes or any other places with vn honest or vnsemely wordes or Comunicacōn or at any time speke more then shall become hym or them ouerthwartly and frowardly to the disquietting of the felowship by meanes therof therebe partes taken and the good orders of the felowship hyndered by suche vnsemely demeanours. Therefore it is ordered and agreed that he or they that shall hereafter offend in any poynte as is aforesayde and therof founde ffawty by the sayde maister and wardens and assistance or the moste parte of them shall forfayte and paye for euery tyme so offending iij s. iiij d. to the vse of the cōmon boxe of the sayde felowship.

And further if any parson of the sayde ffellowship hereafter of an obstynate mynd will not be ordered and Judged for their offences by the sayde m^r and wardens and assystance or the most parte of them but will obstinately and wilfully stand in his owne singuler openion and quelybeth contrary to reason and honesty and further do attempt to haue his remedy in other places to the greate slaunder and disquiettinge of the sayde ffellowship. Therefore it is ordered and agreed that he that so doth shalbe Banished owt of the felowship and company. And except he Reconsile hym self to the sayde m^r and wardens and assistance or the most part of them within xl dayes then next ensuing and to paye such fyne as shalbe Judged by the sayde maister wardens and assystance without grutching. Or elle to be Banished the company for euer. And all his partakers and mayntayners beinge proued euery of them shall forfayte and paye for euery tyme offending to the vse of the cōmon box of the sayde felowship xx s.

And further that no parson of the assystance or clothing of the sayde felowship do at any courte heareafter Rise from the tabull or owt of his

place when any mater shall be in debating as hath byn done in tymes past for some hath Rissen and gon theyre waye before they vnderstode what the matter ment to the greate disquietting of the rest of the felowship. Wherefore it is ordered and agreed that who so euer riseth from the Tabull or owt of his place in the Courte tyme without the lycens of the maister and wardens or one of them shall forfayte and paye for euery tyme so offending ij s. to the vse aforesayde.

And further it is ordered and agreed that no parson of the sayde felowship shall interrupt one another in telling of his tale before the maister and wardens setting in theire Courtes or presume to speake in another mans tale Till he hath tolde his tale to an end and that there speake but one man at once. And who so euer and as many as doth offend to the contrary shall paye for euery tyme to the poore mens Box one penny.

1558-9.—**At** the same Courte [17th March] Wilfred Bakehowse dwelling in Blasing Lane is amyted to be a brother of the Company. Willm Graye sponer maker in frydaye strete is also amytted a brother of the company.

At a Courte then holden [31st March] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Robert west sholde bringe in his wif vpon ffrydaye next to reconsile her self to m^r Cacher and others of the Company for her naughty mysdemeano^r of her tonge toward^e them.

Thomas Curtis aprentice wth s^r Thomas Curtis sworne [7th April].

At the same Courte [7th May] yt was agreed that no man sholde by any Tynne of Allyn the Taylo^r in bucklers bury after this daye.

The names of all those that gaue Toward^e the Reparacōns of the newe Glassynge of the newe Parlo^r.

A list of twenty-three contributors follows, the gifts being "a wyndowe" or "xij d."

These men folowing is elected [7th July] to take order for Prentice and to wey Indiferently the state of the whole companye who is able to mayntayne and kepe prentice and who is not. M^r warden Baker and m^r warden Curtis M^r hustwayte, m^r Cacher M^r Rowlandson Edwarde Rewe John Gery Richard Scot.

At the same Court [4th August] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce that from this tyme forward yt shall not be leafull that the m^r and wardens of theire owne myndē shall not geue leaue to any man of the companye lybertie to Set vp, but the pson that Requyreth to set vp shall be sene by the assystaunce & his m^r that he served wth all to declare his honestie and behav^r & also to bringe in a sample of his worke and so to be sene vewed and adjudged by the m^r wardens & assystaunce and they to geue theire verdyt whether the p^raye be a mete man to set vp or not. —[*Rough Minutes*, 21.]

Sir Peter Warryson received the second highest number of votes in the election of junior warden.

At the same courte [31st August] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce wth the whole consent and agrement of the whole clothinge and yemandry yt was ordered that every man and wif that comyth to the yemandries dynner sholde paye xvj d. And every Journeyman that hath a wif and do come to dynner shall paye xvj d. And every lone man beinge a howsholder that comyth to dynner shall paye xij d. and every Journeyman having no wif and comyth to dynner shall paye viij d. And if any pore man being not able to paye his charge concernyng the same dynner shall be remyted yf he come not vpon Lycence And acording to the olde order every man that hath bynne maryed wthin the same ij yeares shall geve his cocke or ette paye xij d. in mony over & besidē the paying for his dynner. And also every man in the company shall paye as they haue done in tymes past j d. towardē the playe and a j d. for his offering And every man that promyseth to come to dynner & come not shall paye his whole duetie as if they cam. Provided alwayes that none bringe his gest wth him wthowt he paye for his dynner as moch as he paith for hymself and that they bring no childerne wth them passing one & no more.

The names of them that gaue fyne mettall towardē the making of pewter Trenchers & other thyngē m^r alderman Curtis viij lli. m^r Peter warison x lli. & 37 others.

The names of them that went to the muster before the Quenes ma^{tie} in Julie last past A^o 1559 beinge xxvij men as folowth Gonners 5, Halberdē 12, Pikemen 10.

The bill of Seasement for the Charge of the said xxvij men gathered of the company. For the Clothing the sums vary from 4*d.* to 1*s.*, for the yeomanry from 4*d.* to 8*d.* The total sum amounts to 31*s.* 2*d.*

Stephen Barowe paid [26th September] in the name of a fyne for that he solde certayne ware les then the price xij d. [and it is ordered that he should paye Anthony Smyth for that he laid a wager his mony agayne.—*Rough Minutes.*]

Of Richard Scot for that he cam not to Saynt Martyns to goo in y^e barge the same daye the Mayre toke his othe iiij d.

At a Courte holden the same daye [27th November] it was ordayned and agreed by the mr Wardens and asystaunce and the hole Clothinge that ffrom hensforthe there shall none of the yemandry come to the accompte of the yemandrye the sondaye after saynt katherins daye but only suche as be howsholders and others as shalbe thought mete by the discession of the m^r and Wardens of the yemandrye wth the consent of the m^r & Wardens of the Clothinge and that every man that dothe come to the geving vp of the same accompt shall paye for his supper iiij d. a pece.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that Harry tompson sholde haue no more the vewe nor making of stone pottē nor that from hensforth the marke of the Hall sholdē pas vpon the stone pottē lyddē But that all makers of stone pot lyddē sholde make them substauncyally & workmanly according to their samples Remayning in the hall by the said makers brought in and frely geven to the hall and whosoever do make any worsse lydē then those are yt shalbe leafull for the m^r and wardens from hensforth to breake the same lyddē and the pottē that shalbe found fawtye either in the lyddē or Jawmes in whose handē so ever they may be founde, and the makers therof to make them good agayne eyther to haberdasshers or others And that from hensforth the makers of stone pott lyddē shall set their marcke on the inside of the Lyddē.

On [5th December] That Thomas allyn gave v s. for a Recreasion for beinge at the Buryall of his wif the same daye in monye xxvj s. viij d. Wherof vj s. viij d. was spent the same daye m^r alderman Curtis was buried at the Castle in newe fyshstreate and the Rest which was xx s. it

was agreed by the whole clothing that Wiltm Curtis sholde haue towarde the payment of the debt due to hym to be payde as maye appeare by the fote of his accompte.

¶ the same Courte [8th December] John strange bounde hymself as a Couenaunt fvaunt with Raphe Mullyners and to serve hym from this daye forthwarde one whole yeare and to haue wekely ijs. when he workethe, and every broken weke to haue for his dayes worke every daye when he worketh iiij d. and so throughowt the yeare.

¶ the same Courte [15th December] John Norton bound hymself a couenaunt fvaunt with Raphe Mullyners and to serve hym from this daye forward one whole yere and to haue for his wage ijs. a weke bothe broken and whole, Christmas weke and Easter weke only except.

¶ the same Courte [19th December] John Russell bound hymself as a Couenaunt fvaunte wth Robert Tymme and hath Taken a jd. to sarue hym a whole yeare and to begyn at Candelmas next comynge and to haue for his wage iij li for his yeares wage to be payde quarterly xv s. and his maister hath made clere wth hym tyll Candelms.

¶ Rs of dyverse of the livery for fynes for late comyng to the buryall of Richard prier xij d.

¶ Rs of dyverse of the livery for fynes for late comynge to the buryall of harvies wedow xiiij d.

¶ Rs of hughe wadelowe and John bowltinge for a fyne for that they were at varyence xij d.

¶ Rs for iij statute Bokes vj d.

¶ Rs of John Bussbye my lorde mayre yeman xij d.

¶ Rs of John Jackson for John hare his aprentice ij s.

[Note in margin] the same John hare is quyt dysmysed for his picking and bribing the xxvth daye of June 1563.

¶ pd to wiltm Lowton, and wiltm Readman stewards to make a dynner for the rest of the company that dyned not at yelde hall xxvj s. viij d.

¶ pd to the pson [at abchurch] for dirige and masse viij d. and to iij other prests xij d. To the clarck viij d. for ringing, for ij half pound tapers xd. ¶ to the m^r of the Craft for being at dirige and masse vj d. and

- to the ij wardens viij d., and to ij other of the livery for their offering
 ij d. **Itm** to the Beadle for warnyng of them iiij d. **Itm** pd to the m^r
 and wardens and ij other of the livery to drink xij d. **S^m** . . . v s. xd.
- Itm** pd to the Curat [at alhallowes in Lumbertstreate] for taking paynes at
 the Comunion xij d. **Itm** pd to the Clarcke and other singers at the
 Comñon iij s. iiij d. **Itm** pd to the Churchwardens for occupyinge of
 theire Ornaments xx d. **Itm** pd to a precher for his paynes at the
 same Comunion iij s. iiij d. the sexton iiij d. **S^m** ij s. viij d.
- Itm** paide for the Quenes parte of ware taken at sturbridge Saynt albons
 & croyden fair **S^m** x s. xj d.
- Itm** pd for a xvth graunted to Quene Mary for owre hall vj s. viij d.
- Itm** pd for ij xvth graunted agaynst the Crownaçõn of Quene Elyzabeth
 xij s. iiij d.

Queen Elizabeth succeeded to the throne on the death of her sister,
 17th November, 1558. The Queen, who was staying at Hatfield, soon
 (24th November) removed to the Charterhouse, being escorted thither
 through the City by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs. On
 21st November the Common Council voted two fifteenths for the cus-
 tomary gift to be presented to Her Majesty on passing through London
 to her coronation.

- Itm** pd for a xvth graunted by Comon councell for Billets vj s. viij d.
- Itm** pd to m^r osborne for a Superzedius for the discharge of the wardens
 the last yeare of a rest owt of the Exchequer iij s. vj d.
- Itm** pd for Caryng of o^r standing at the Comyng in of Quene Elyzabeth
 the xxix day of Novemb^r Anno 1558 vj d.

This was the state entry of the new Queen into her City of London
 on the way to the Tower, amidst universal acclamation from the citizens
 of all classes. The Queen was attended by the Lord Mayor, Recorder,
 and principal citizens from Charterhouse Gate, through Barbican,
 Cripplegate, and London Wall to Bishopsgate "and so with Lordes,
 Knightes, and Gentlewomen richly apparelled [they] brought hir to the
 Tower of London." The Livery Companies, as usual on these occasions,
 lined the greater part of the route, each Company in proper precedence
 attending in its stand,

- Item** pd to the Carpenter for setting vp the standing ij s.
Item pd for bringing of yt home iiij d.
Item pd for the hyer of a Barge at the Quenes comyng to the Tower by
water xxij s. iiij d.
Item pd for iiij staves for y^e wyflars viij d.
Item pd for Caryng owt of o^r standing agaynst the Crownacon of the
Quene and for bringing of yt home xvj d.
Elizabeth was crowned at Westminster on 15th January, 1558-9.
The ceremony was preceded by two great receptions of their new
Sovereign on the part of the citizens. On the 12th the Queen proceeded
by water from Whitehall to the Tower, attended by the Lord Mayor and
Corporation and all the Crafts of the City in their barges; and on the
14th the Coronation procession passed through the City by land from
the Tower to Westminster.
Item pd for wryting the names of the Clothing in a newe order in a table
iiij s. iiij d.
Item pd for a C of ffaggot to laye in the hall for store agaynst wynter vj s. ij d.
Item pd more for the playe then was gathered of the Companye as
apearith by a bill iiij s. j d.
Item pd for dyverse charge of xxvij men w^{ch} went to muster at grenewitch
on saynt peters daye as maye apeare xxxj s. iiij d.

This famous military display seems to have been held not on St. Peter's Day (29th June) but in July, as recorded in the Court minutes at the foot of page 201. Stow in his Chronicles gives the date as the second of July, and describes the scene as follows:—"The Citizens of London had a muster afore the Queenes Maiestie at Greenwich in the Parke, of fourteene hundred men, whereof eyght hundred were Pikemen, all in fine Corselets, foure hundred Haquebuts in shirtes of mayle with morians, and two hundred Halberters in almanriuets, which were furnished and set forth by the companyes of the Citie of London: they had to euery hundred two wiffelers, richly apparelled, and twelue wardens of the best companyes riding in coates of blacke Veluet to conduct them with drommes and fifes, and sixe Ensignes, all in Jerkins of white Bridges

[Bruges] Satten, cutte and lined with blacke Sarsenet, with cappes, hosen, and skarfes according: the Captaynes Robert Constable, and Mayster Saunders, brought them in battayle ray afore the Queene, euen as they should haue fought, which made a goodly shewe before hir Maiestie, the Emperoures and French Kings Embassadours being present."

Itm pd for the payntinge of the olde plo^r wyndowes and for ij neue pece payntinge for the new plo^r xl s.

Itm pd to the beadle for gathering of the mony w^{ch} was geven of certayn of the company towards them that went to muster xij d

Itm pd for a dog of Iron for the Chimney in the plo^r weinge lj li at ij d. o^b a ff x s. vij d.

Itm pd to ffranke the Glassyer for takinge downe and seting of all the glasse as maye apeare by his bill on the East side of the hall xxjs. viij d.



FROM THE CHARTER, 20 NOVEMBER, 2 ELIZABETH, 1559.



CHAPTER V.

Reign of Elizabeth.

WITH the commencement of Queen Elizabeth's reign, the Pewterers' Company lost one of their most prominent members, Alderman Sir Thomas Curtis. Of this worthy alderman, whose leading position in the Corporation must have made him a valuable friend to the Company, a full biographical notice is given in a later chapter.

1559-60. **M^d** [12th January] that m^r stukeley dyd geue to the company for a Recreation for beinge at the buryall of m^r Alderman Curtis who depted on monday at night beinge the xxvij daye of novem̄br and was buryed the vij daye of decem̄br Being Wedinsdaye 1559 xl s. whiche was agreed y^t Wittm Curtis sholde haue in ptie of payment of the mony the Crafte owith hym.

The Bodye of the said m^r alderman Curtis lyeth Buryed in the Church of Saynt Deonis on the left hand where the highe Aulter stonde on whose soule and all Christen Soules J^hus haue mercy amen.

At the same Courte John Smythe Sometye aprentice wth Geffery Mathewe was comytted to warde by the m^r wardens and assystaunce for that he had promysed to serve a certayne tyme wth John Cutler as maye apeare the last yeare and after his promys wthin ij dayes after went to maydstone and wrought there wth a Tynkerd and made hym mowlds And beinge Suspected to come and Entice mens f^rvaunte and prentice to be obstynate agaynst there maisters as before tyme he hath donne.

ffurther the xix daye of January 1559 the saide Smyth was Commytted to Brydewell for his obstenacy for that he wolde not submyt hym self But Rather worsse when he cam owt of the Counter then he was when he went in. The saide John Smyth was Released owt of Brydewell the xxiiij daye of January and dyd submyt hymself and desired the company of fforgeuenes kneling vpon his knees in the psens of the m^r and wardens and assystaunce and parte of the clothinge and yemandry howsholders and Jorneymen never to offende agayne and if he doo to be Banyshed the company for ever.

The same daye [31 January] m^r Thomas stukeley Esquyer was taken in to be one of the Company and was sworne to be a trewe Pewterer according to the order And the same daye he was made ffree of the Pewterers at the Guilde Hall by the Chamberlayne in the Presence of the m^r m^r Wiltm Hustwayte John Gerye warden John daye Edwarde Cacher Wiltm Haynes and wiltm Mitte.

Besides the above minute, the following entry is in the Audit Book at the end of the account for 1558-9.

M^r Thomas Stuckley esquyer was made ffree in the tyme of m^r Wiltm Hustwayte, m^r of the mistery of Pewterers, Water makyns and John Gery Wardens the daye and yeare as maye apere as folowith.

We it Remembred that the last daye of January in the yeare of o^r Lorde god a thowsand ffyve houndreth fyfye and Nyne, and in the Second yeare of the Raigne of o^r Sovereigne Lady Elyzabeth By the grace of god Quene of England ffrance and Ireland. defendo^r of the faythe &c. Yt was condissendend and agreed and [at] a Courte holden the same daye by the m^r Wardens and assystaunce of the ffellowship of Pewterers yt was consented and concluded that m^r Thomas Stucley Esquyer shoulde be taken in as a brother of the saide ffellowship and therypon the same day was made ffree of the same ffellowship at the Guyldehall, And for that the saide companye bare suche good will vnto the saide m^r Thomas stucley and Anne his wif, they the saide m^r Thomas stucley and Anne his wif dyd ffreely geve of theyre owne meare gifte vnto the saide Company, one certayne Indenture of Lease of twoo Tenement^e Set lyinge and beinge in the pishe of Saynt Deonis

Backchurch in London in the streate called ffanchurch streate in Langborne Warde w^{ch} saide twoo Ten^{te} were lately graunted by the same Indenture of Lease, with the assent of one m^r Thomas Vrswicke late m^r of the saide ffellowship of Pewterers John Sherwyn and John daye then wardens, wth the consent of the Bodye of the saide ffellowship to the late worshipfull S^r Thomas Curtis knight and alderman of London decessed as by the same case more playnly apeareth Which saide lease the saide m^r Thomas Stucley And Anne his wif wth one assent consent will and agrement by their deade bearing date the xvth daye of marche next ensuyng the date herof, dyd ffreely geve as aforesaide to the sayde company for none other entent and purpose But only of there good will and as theyre owne prop gifte for the lyke good will that they beare to the saide ffellowship.

Mr. Thomas Stukeley, of whom some biographical particulars are given in a later chapter, married Alderman Curtis's grand-daughter Anne, the daughter of his only son Thomas who predeceased him.

¶ Water Makyns dyed the same daye [8th March] beinge fryday on whose Soule god haue mercy And the monday after there was a dynner kept at the hall of his gifte being xls. And the same monday there was Elec^{cion} for a newe Warden and yt fell owt soo that m^r Crostwayte had the most Pricke as afterwarde more playnly apeareth.

¶ the same Courte [18th March] John Jackson complayned agaynst John Powell for that he solde hym aprentice for xxli of mettall and the same aprentice dwellith nowe wth a Hossyer.

¶ a Courte then [1st April] holden by the m^r wardens and the assystaunce yt was agreed that Thomas Curtis sholde be lycensed to set vp and open Shop.

¶ the same Courte yt was agreed that John Bowntinge sholde paye in the name of a ffyne for Selling of certayne pec^e of vessell doble turned fflyted for vij d. o^b the pound to the olde duches of Suffolke at easter last past that is to saye vj great Platters doble ffyllyted and v ff mydell platers doble fillitted iij s. iiij d. wherof the beadle had for his paynes iij d. So rest clere to the crafte iij s.

The xth daye of Apriell. The names of the xx men and ij wiflers w^{ch} brought in the Quenes matē withe the same daye by the Comaundem' of my lord Mayo' who had xij d. apece.

The list consists of 4 Gonners, 6 Bowmen, 10 Pickemen [pikemen], the two Wardens of the Yeomanry who served as Whifflers, George Baskertone sword player, and William Thomas an attendant.

M^d that the same daye [4th May] Geffery Mathewe wolde be at his owne lybertie for the workmanship of hollowwares and the Morrow after he was contentid to worke for ix s. a C taverne pottē for x s. the C stopes and for xj s. the C new fasshon &c vntill farther order was taken.

The xxv daye of Maye the Names of the ffyve men that was set forthe for Soldyars in the Quenes ships and delyuered to § Thomas Woodowce knight their Capetayne vpon Tower hill by Comaundem' of the lord mayo' in the quenes name by presept.

These troops were required to repel the French invasion of Scotland. A force of nine hundred soldiers was demanded of the City in April, 1560, two hundred and fifty seamen in May, and two hundred more soldiers in June. These were furnished by the Livery Companies by allotment, in accordance with their respective ability and standing.

M^d m^r Richard champyon alderman dyd paye vnto the Company [28th May] for the Enterest of L li lent to Quene Marye the S^m of v li xj s. vj d. and yt was agreed by the hole company that lent the same that yt sholde be ffreely gevyn to the hall to bryng them owt of debt.

This was the Company's quota of a loan of 20,000*l.* raised by Queen Mary in March, 1558, eight months before her death. Interest was guaranteed at twelve per cent., and the Crown lands were pledged as security for repayment. Each member of the Company was assessed to contribute to the loan, and was therefore entitled to share in the distribution of the first year's interest. They, however, unanimously decided to give the interest to the Company, which was at this time in debt. The method of assessment occasionally gave rise to discontent, as in 1554. On the 14th July in that year (*see* p. 177) it was ordered that "who so ever speakyth any more of the seasying" should be fined 20*s.*

At the same Courte [19th June] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce and the most part of all the whole ffellowship as well of the yemandry as of the Clothing, that no pson doo ffrom hensforth in his shop or in any other place eyther in selling or Chepnyng of his ware do saye that his ware is better then any others of the company by a j d. o^b or q^r in a pound more or les he shall forfayte and paye for a ffyne if it maye be Justly & duely provid xx s. to the boxe wthowt ffavor.

This regulation, though doubtless found necessary, merely reinforces a long established rule of the Company. A high standard of trade honesty was set up and strictly maintained, no favour being shown to any of the brethren, however high his position in the Guild.

At the same Court yt was agreed that if any of the yemandrye do from hensforth slack them selfe to wayt vpon the m^r and wardens of the yemandry eyther to offeringe or buryalle or any other tyme when they shalbe warned by any of them or the beadle in theyre name they shall forfayte and paye for every tyme offending vj d. wthowt any favo' and that yt shalbe leafull for the beadle for the none payment of the said vj d. to take a dystres from the howse of the offender and to bryng to the Pewterers hall and then to be ordered by the m^r and wardens of the clothinge Provyded alwayes that if any pson be owt of towne or elle being Sicke vpon good profe yt shalbe a lawfull Scuse Or elle all excusus to be layd apart Also yt is agreed that the yemandry shall come in clenly apell and wthowt theyre aprons And shall not vse to playe at any vnlawfull games in the hall as at shove grote or any such lyke vpon payne to forfayte and paye for every tyme offending xij d.

The Yeomanry had doubtless one or more apartments in Pewterers' Hall set aside for their own use, and here some supervision over the rough recreations of the journeymen became necessary. The "unlawfulness" of shove-groat and other games was probably owing to their gambling character.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that the m^r and Wardens of the ffellowship and their Successours sholde ffrom hensforth kepe their

four quarter dynners in the Hall belonging to the said ffellowship and that all the whole clothing shoulde paye for theire dynner at every of the quarter dynners vj d. a pece.

¶ At the same Courte yt was agreed that no Journeyman fvinge by the yeare shall departe ffrom the fvice of his m^r without he geve his maister half a yeares warnyng And he that dothe serve but for half a yere shall not departe wthowt a quarter of a yere warnyng and he that fwith by the weke shall not departe wthowt a weke warnyng And who so ever do offend in this article shall forfayt and pay for a fyne xx s. And that if any pson of the ffellowship do Happen to set aworke any suche Journeyman as shall departe contrary to this article before he do pftyly know that he is clere from his m^r he cam from, he shall paye lykewise in the name of a ffyne xx s.

The byll of Seasement for lli lent for wheate. M^r Thomas Stewkely was seased at iij ti & he wold pay none. [The list contains 59 entries.] S^m to^l Lli Receyued of m^r Chamberlayne the xxv daye of decem^br in ptie of payment of the said S^m of Lli the s^m of xijli xs. [9th July.]

¶ At the same Courte [3rd August] yt was agreed for all manner of matters & varyaunc^e depending betwene Thom^s Curtis and Thomas Hassill for fving straungers of ware and other matters The said Thomas Curtis shall byd Witt^m Curtis and his wif and thomas Hassill and his wif to a supper home to his howse and there to be mery to gethers and so to be lovers and ffrend^e from hensforthe, and that the said supper shalbe betwene this and bartylmewtyd next comyng Or ell^e the said Thomas Curtis shall paye in the name of ffyne to the craft^e boxe in monye xx s.

¶ At the same Courte [18th September] yt was agreed that if any pson that doth vse to goo to marky^te or ffayres wth any wares he shall sell for no les then for a o^b in a pound more then y^e pryce doth goo at London, vnles that there be in the same markyt or ffayre any Countree- men that sellith for lyke pryce as is at london vpon payne to fforfayt for a ffyne ffor every tyme being duely provid xx s.

¶ At the same Courte Robert Somers paid for a ffyne for the lyke offence and for bying tynne wthowt Cloffe v s.

The term "cluff" is used in the trade at the present day to denote rough or scrap metal.

Also it was agreed [6th December] that the said Thomas wolshere shall paye in the name of fyne for his approbrious word_e toward_e the same [Richard] Scot saying he played the Scot_e part and had a Scott_e hart xvj d.

Richard Scot, the other party to this quarrel, was fined 10s. for calling Wilshire "begerly knave."

An order [16th December] for the new Eleccion of the m^r and wardens that is to saye the m^r shall have his ij Prick_e at his lybertie and if it happen to be prick for Prick the m^r shall Call the assystaunce agayne for the same officer and then vpon_e the voyce of the most parte of the assystaunce the same psonne to beare the offyce.

Wit ^m Readman	Thomas allyn	Wit ^m Baker
Thomas Elyot	John Gerye	Nicholas crostwayt
Wit ^m Loughton	Wit ^m Curtis	m ^r Rowlandson
John mathewe	Wit ^m Mylle	Edward Reo

An order for the new Eleccōn of the m^r and wardens that is to saye the m^r shall haue his ij Prick_e at his lybertye and if yt happen to be prick for Prick looke who is the elderman shall have the office.

Richarde Selby	Thomas whitbe	Wit ^m hustwayte
Robert chawnor	John Royston	Richard walling ^r
Stephin Calye	Edward Cacher	Thomas Hassill
Lawrence ashlyn	Wit ^m Haynes	Richard Scot
Allyn gardener	m ^r daye	
Nicholas turner	m ^r woodowce	

At the same Court it was agreed that all those psones wch haue bynne m^r and wardens shalbe of the assystaunce and set in Court_e for all manner of matters debating in the Pewterers Hall wth the m^r and wardens.

This was an important step in the constitution of a permanent Court of Assistants, which in later times became the chief ruling power, at the expense of the authority of the Master and Wardens on the one hand, and that of the Livery on the other.

At the same Court yt was agreed that who so ever be m^r this yeare shall not be maister the next yeare that is to saye no man shalbe m^r ij yeares to gether.

At a Court [20 December] then holden the Lorde mayo^r S^r withm chester sent to the hall a proclamacōn for the wearing of aparell emonge the Company. Wherefore yt was agreed that these psonnes folowing shoulde haue the oversight rule and government of the company for the observing of the said pclamacion according to the Teno^r of the same.

John Gerye	Withm Readman	John Bowlting
Thomas allyn	Anthony smythe	John Robson

At the same Court there was deputies chosen for the m^r and wardens to supply their Roomes [places] at all tymes when the m^r and wardens was absent aswell to make answer to the Lorde mayo^r as also in other matters within the hall that is to saye

ffor the m^r m^r Cacher
 ffor the vpp^r warden m^r baker
 ffor the vnderwarden m^r Rowlandson.

At the same Court [23rd December] m^r Crostwayte asked allowaunce of iiiij^{li} xvij s. iij d. w^{ch} was lost in the fall of the mony So the hole assystaunce graunted hym to haue the occupying of the mony w^{ch} Remayned vpon his said accompt vtill mighelmas next comyng to bring in the hole S^m for the same.

Item in markinge Irons of the armes of the Crafte lying in the Red chest iiiij. (Book of Inventories, 3, 31a.)

Item Rs for xiiij wedings and dynners kepte in o^r Hall this yeare xlvs. iiiij d.

Item pd to xxx pore men and women in the same pische [St. Mary Abchurch] in Almas ij s. vj d. and to o^r beadle iiiij d. S^m . ij s. x d.

This is the form which the simple religious service at Mr. Ashlyn's obsequies now assumes in the Audit Book.

Item pd to mr Lutley one of the Chauncery for Renuyng of o^r Corporacōn as maye apere by a bill of p^ticulars therof . viijⁱⁱ xv s. iiiij d.

Item pd for the Copppe of a wryt called acowaranto [Quo warranto] to compell us to Renue o^r Corporacōn ij s. vj d.

These entries throw light upon the way in which the Companies obtained, or rather were forced to procure a renewal of their charters at the beginning of a new reign. Queen Elizabeth's charter of *inspeximus*, which added nothing to the existing privileges and regulations of the Company but was only confirmatory, was granted on the 20th November, 1559, in the second year of her reign. The initial letter E of this charter, containing the portrait of the Queen, is reproduced on page 206.

- Item** pd for the Copie of a tre of ministracōn wth mr stukeley toke owt for
 mr Alderman Curtis xij d.
- Item** pd to mr Stukely for ij payre of greate Melting bellows for the
 Hall v s.
- Item** pd for the Change of iij dosin Sawcers pōz xvj lb. [poids, *i.e.* weight]
 xvj d.
- Item** pd for bringing vp of a hogshed to the hall to make ij watering
 tubbes and for cutting of the same hogshed, and hoping [hooping]
 of a greate ffat [vat] vj d.

The Chargs of the xx men made owt by the Lorde Mayo^r com-
 maundement the xth daye of apryell 1560 and to geue attend^{unce} to
 ffetche in the Quenes ma^{ty} withe to westm

- Item** pd vnto George Baskertone sword player xij d.

This was for the men's entertainment after breakfast.

- Item** pd the same daye for their brekefast for a salt ffyshe and a half xvj d.
- Item** pd for ij *lli* of butter x d.
- Item** pd for ij Cheynes of Salmond viij d.
- Item** pd for ij white staves for the wiflers iij d.
- Item** pd for iij swords and iij daggers xiiij s. vj d.

There are in all twenty entries, and the total cost of their repast and outfit amounts to lvij s. x d. o^b.

Charge of v men set forthe at the Crafts charge the xxv daye of
 Maye for Soldyers to the Quenes ma^{te} [Majesty's] shippes as may
 apeare in the Boke of ffautē

- Item** pd for laces to hang the gonne powder boxis abowt their necks vj d.
- Item** pd for v Red scotish Cappes v s. viij d.
- Item** pd for their Prest pence v d.

Item pd to iiij of them for conduct mony iiij s.

Item pd for their meate and drynk for ij dayes to kepe them to gether
ij s. iiij d. ob.

There are 19 entries, and the expenditure was lvij s. iiij d. ob.

The Company was further required on 7th July, 1560, to furnish two men to serve in Scotland, and paid 13*d.* to "dyverse of the yemandry" for prest pence to keep themselves in readiness for such service.

Item more I aske allowaunce owt of xxvj s. viij d. wch I do charge myself in the Receipt for the buryall of m^r allyn for that was spent at a dynner at the Castle in newe ffyshstreat when Sr Thomas Curtis was buried vj s. viij d.

One of the obligations of Guild membership from the earliest times was to attend the funeral of deceased brethren, absence without legitimate excuse being punished by fine. The simple refreshments served on these occasions, at the obsequies, in later times took the form of elaborate funeral feasts, payments for which, generally accompanied by gifts to the poor, were frequently provided by wealthy persons in their wills. The feast at the funeral of Sir Thomas Curtis having cost more than the sum of 40*s.* furnished by Mr. Stukeley, his executor, the Wardens provided the difference by curtailing the funeral feast of Mrs. Allen to the extent of 6*s.* 8*d.*

Nicholas Crosthwaite, the outgoing warden-accountant, was allowed twelve months (till the following Michaelmas) to pay the balance of 6*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* remaining in his hands.

Whic tyme of the said payment was grauntid hym for that he sholde beare the fall of the said vj li vj s. vij d. being in his hands at the daye of the proclymacōn being the xxvij of Septemb̄r 1560 which dyd amount vnto after the rate of v s. and xij s. the pounce to an uncertayne S^m.

M^d that this accompt was awdyt the xxij daye of Decemb̄r in Anno Dñi 1560 and in the therd yere of the Raigne of o^r Sovereigne lady Quene Elyzabethe, by us Wittm Baker, Wittm Mills, Nicholas Turm And Richard Scot. So that we fynde by the neclygence of m^r Hustwayte, Nicholas Crostwayte and John Gery warden these pcells folowing.

In p^mis the whōle Receipts to lytle cast by xij d.

Jfm where it is acustome that every weding that is kept in the hall ought to paye iij s. iiij d. we fynd to lytle by xvj d.

The above sums were paid into the next account. Then follow five quarterage payments, and the Audit concludes as follows:—

Jfm we fynd that they aske more fyer more y^m ordenary x s.

1560-1. **@t** the same Court [18th January] m^r Crostwayte made Ernest Sute [earnest suit] and laboure to Change his Copppe to the Vynteners Whervpon yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce in manner & forme folowing that is to saye the saide m^r Crostwayte shall forthwith paye vnto the craftē boxe for the good wille of the Company for his depture Eight poundē of good and lawfull mony of England And shall paye or provide to be paid wthin xx dayes after his dicesse other viij poundē and for the sure paym^t therof shall make an obligacōn to the Company And ffurther the said m^r crostwayte shall quyt geve over the occupying of pewterers crafte before the ffeaste of Saynt John Baptist next comyng Provided always that the same m^r Crostwayt shalbe a brother of the said Company and be Contrybutor to all manner of chargē in the saide Company of pewterers as a brother and ffreman of the said company should or ought to doo during his naturall lyf to the which said agrementē the said m^r Crostwayte hath set his hand and haue paid the ffirst Eight poundē as is aforesaid in the p^sence of these psonnes folowing

By me Nicholas crostwayt.

Here follow the names of the Master, Wardens, and seven of the Court of Assistants.

@t the same Court it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce and the most part of all the whole company that foure honest men of the Company shall haue the bying of all suche bargaynes of tynne as hereafter shalbe by any manner of meanes come to any of the company by Brokership or any other shiftē the ptie shall send the broker or other ptie to one of the said foure and they by their good advise shall make bargayne for the same in the name of the whole Company and that the same tynne so by them bargayned shalbe brought to the hall to thentent that every man that will haue any therof shall haue suche porcion as shalbe thought by the m^r wardens

and assistaunce Provided alwayes that none of the said iiij men shall do no manner of act or acte that shalbe preiudiciall to the said bargaynes or otherwise for their owne lucer or gayne shall take the bargayne into their owne hande vpon payne of fforfayture of tenne pounde for every suche offens And also it is agreed that if any suche tynne shall happen to be bought by the iiij men in mannⁿ aforesaid that no pson of the said Company shall bye no pece of tynne but of the same tynne so bought vntill that be all gone vpon forfayture of xl s for every pece so bought.

Theise iiij men be apoynted as folowth

m^r Warden Reo

m^r Lawrens Ashlyn

Thomas Elyot

Thomas Burton

They to haue emonge them vpon every pece of tynne so by them bought as is aforesaid for their paynestaking in that behalf iiij d. [Rough Minutes 21.]

¶ precept sent [1st April] by S^r wittm chester knight Lord mayo^r of London for the lone of ffiftie pounde to the chambrlayn for to by whete 1561.

The byll of Seasment for the same w^{ch} was apoynted that m^r haynes and m^r Reo wardens m^r Royston and m^r curtis shoulde be Seasours for the Clothing and Robert Tymne and Symond hawclif for the yemandry. Collectours to gather the same Lawrence ashlyn and Wittm Readmā Bonyfface ffoster and Thomas Curtis.

m ^r daye	xxij s. iiij d.	Richard Scot	xl s.
m ^r haynes	x s.	Thomas allyn	xl s.
m ^r Reo	xx s.	Thomas hassill	xl s.
m ^r hustwayt	xl s.	allyn gardener	xxvj s. viij d.
m ^r Cacher	xl s.	John mathewe	xxij s. iiij d.
m ^r Roystone	xxvj s. viij d.	Laurence ashlyn	xxvj s. viij d.
m ^r Crostwayt	xx s.	m ^r nogaye	xx s.
m ^r Rowlandson	x s.	Thomas Elyot	xl s.
m ^r Woodowce	x s.	wittm Lowton	xxx s.
m ^r Baker	v s.	Robert chawner	xx s.
m ^r Mille	xl s.	Stephin Calie	xx s.
Wittm Curtis	xl s.	Wittm Readman	xxx s.
John Gerye	xxvj s. viij d.	Richard wallenger	x s.
Nicholas Turn ⁿ	x s.	Richard Selbye	xij s. iiij d.
Thomas Whitbee	xij s. iiij d.	S ^m xxxv li. v s.	

The yemandry.

Robert Cropwell	xx s.	Symond hawclif	x s.
Richard mannyng.	x s.	John Jackson	x s.
John Sherwyn	vj s. viij d.	Roger palmer	vj s. viij d.
Richard wiffmson	vj s. viij d.	John holstock	v s.
John bowlting	xiiij s. iiij d.	Richard harrisson	v s.
Anthony Smyth	xx s.	Robert newes	xiiij s. iiij d.
Thomas burton	xiiij s. iiij d.	Wiffm meare	x s.
Thomas Curtis	x s.	Hugh wadelow	x s.
Thomas Nicoffe	xx s.	Richard Sares	v s.
Roger ffarthing	xx s.	Robert somers	vj s. viij d.
John Barker	xiiij s. iiij d.	Robert wilkynson	v s.
Thomas woodowce	vj s. viij d.	pcyvall glasker	v s.
Stephin Barrowe	v s.	Wiffm Glover	v s.
Allyn Dawson	v s.	Roger Isaack	v s.
Raphe mullyners	xiiij s. iiij d.	Wiffm hartlif	v s.
Bonyface ffoster	vj s. viij d.	Richard tompson	vj s. viij d.
	Sm̄ xv li. iiij s. iiij d.		

At the same Court [9th May] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that where there was certayn varyaunce betwene Robert wilkynson and Thomas Empson his Comnaunt fvaunt Yt was agreed as folowth that is to saye the saide Thomas shall serve his maister all such fvis which he ought to serue by his Comnaunt and after his saide terme he shall serue one Sevennight more for the tyme he hath bynne absent. Also the same Thomas shall lye within his m^r howse and be there every night by ix of the Clock at the farthest And if the saide Thomas do absent hymself hereafter he shall serve doble as moche as he dothe absent hymself and farther pay suche fyne as the m^r and wardens shall adwarde.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that the saide Robert wilkynson shoulde pay in the name of a fyne for Provoking the same Thomas to serue before he was clere from his former m^r ijs.

And the same Court yt was agreed that the saide Robert wilkynson shoulde set the said Thomas Empson ffast by the heeles if he absent hymself.

An order
about the
Masters
casting
voice.

Decimo nono die Julii 1561 Whereas at this present there is greate varyence stryf and Controversie depending Emonge the maister wardens and assystaunce of the Company of Pewterers for the Elecçõn of the m^r and wardens of the saide Company as apeareth by Complaynt lately made by the saide Company and assystaunte of the same, for the appeasing of all which varyence stryfe and Controversies as haue heretofore growne or hereafter maye growe Emonge them, And to thentent to haue vnytie and quyetnes ever ffrom hensforth betwixt them and m^r and wardens and company to be Contynued, I Sr Wiltm Chester knight Lorde mayo^r of the Citie of London vppon good Consideraçõn and deliberaçõn there vppon doo order determyne and finally decree in the same matter as hereafter Enssueth ffirst that the m^r of the saide Company shalbe the first that shall prick at the Elecçõn of the maister and wardens and shall haue but one Prick as others haue Onles yt be in matter of doubt as prick for prick vpon an Equalytie Then the sayde m^r to haue one Prick more w^{ch} makith twayne and to be at his lybertie to set his last prick vpon which it shall please hym for the advoyding of Controversie And putting owt of doubt the same Elecçõn And if it fortune that there be one prick more of the one partye then of the other then the Elecçõn to be cleare of ytself. And in such case the m^r shall haue no moo Pricke then other haue lest he should set his last Prick with the ffirst, And so make evyn Prick for prick so many for as many and then take vpon hym to make officer whome he pleasith withowt the Consent of the assystaunce or moost part of them which wolde make greate Confucyon in the Elecçõn and disquyetnes in the Company And also that those psonnes whiche receyue the Elecçõn shall forthwth declare and Present the same vnto the m^r wardens and assystaunte setting at the Bourde that yt may be knowne vnto them all the names of those that shalbe maister and wardens for the yeare Ensuing And ffarther when any Courte shalbe holden at the Common hall of the saide Company that the m^r and wardens shall Cause the whole assystaunte to be warned, and that the saide m^r and wardens of themselfe shall not passe any matter touching or concernyng the Estate of the sayde Company Onles there be viijth of thassystente present at the leaste which assystente to be suche as haue

All the
Assistants to
be sumõned
to Court &
nothing to
be done un-
less 8 Ass^{ts}
present y^t
have been
Ma^r or
W^{it}ns.

The Ma^r & Wd^{ns} to be sworn before y^e Court of Ass^{ts}.

byn m^r or Wardens of the Company according too the Aunsient custome heretofore vsed And ffynally that at the Entering of the newe m^r and Wardens that they shalbe sworne in the hall Before the assystent^e therof as other worshipfull Companies doo vse

m^r cacher m^r
m^r Woodowce
p me wyllm^m Curttys
p me John gery
Wittm mill^e warden

By me Wittm Chester mayo^r
nycholas turnare wardene
p me W^m baker
p me edward Reoo
by me steuen Rowlandson
[Jury Book.]

A debate ariseing upon y^e above Order how many should be a Court Therfore tis settled y^e 6 besides y^e ma^r & wd^{ns} shall be a Court.

The ixth daye of August anno 1562 [1561] At a Court then holden the assystaunce being assembled to gether wⁱⁿ o^r hall emonge other Comunicaçõn toke in hande to plede vpon the therde article of the decree aforesaide touching the article for the passinge of any matter concerning the state of the Company w^{owt} viij psonnes of the assystaunce beside the m^r & wardens Yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Edward Reo warden, m^r John Roystone and John Gerie shoulde goo agayne to the lorde mayo^r to knowe his trewe meaning therof for that it was taken emonge the assystaunce that except viij psonnes besides the m^r and wardens shoulde holde Courte the Court shoulde be voyde. And so they went to the Lorde mayo^r and he saide his meaninge was that there shoulde be viij psonnes besides the m^r and wardens But not w^{standing} he decreed that if it shoulde soe happen that there was not viij of the assystaunce besides the m^r and wardens at the Courte being lawfully warned that Sixe of the assystaunce besides the m^r & wardens shoulde passe the matter aswell as if there were viij of the assystaunce besides the m^r and wardens and more

by me John Royston p me John gery p me edwarde Reo. [Jury Book.]

¶ Remembraunce [30th August, 1561] that the m^r and wardens do the next Courte daye make mocyon that anordenaunce maye be made that no pson at any tyme do set any ware or make shewe any farther then vpon his owne stall or ground although yt be at fayre tyme. [Rough Minutes 21.]

This is another instance of the strict practice of the Company in permitting no member of the trade to get an unfair advantage over another in the sale or display of his goods.

The old
Master to
swear y^e
new Master
& Wardens.

Anno dñi. 1561, xxjⁱⁱ die octobr. Yt was ordayned and decreed the day and yeare abouesaide by the right honorable S^r withm Chester knight lorde mayor of the Citie of london that Edwarde Cacher then beinge Maister of the mistery shall at the geuyng v^p of his accompt for the yere past before the assistaunce of the sayde Company in their hall called the pewterers hall doo to be sworne the newe Elect named to be maister and wardens of the Pewterers for the yeare next ensuinge, and the saide Edward shall geue them their Othe. And so yerely from tyme to tyme the olde maister to geue the newe maister and wardens their othe accordinge to the good and laudable custome of other worshipfull companies in london. Which saide ordenñce by Comaundement of the saide lorde mayo^r was regestered and writen in this booke for better remembraunce to be obserued. [Jury Book.]

At the same Court [7th November] Withm Lowton Complayned agaynst Allyn Gardener for that he fved [served] the sadlers Hall of Rowe [rough] vessell and the said Sadlers did owe vnto the saide lowton certayn mony for the hyer of vessell. Wherefore it was ordered and agreed that neyther the saide Allyn Gardener nor any other of the Company shall not serve the saide Company from hensforth any Roughe vessell vntill suche tyme the saide Lowton be first paide his moony.

Whilst the Company strictly enforced their regulations for securing honest dealing by its members both with each other and with the public, they showed themselves equally zealous in defending the rights of individual members. The measures they adopted against the Saddlers' Company for an alleged breach of contract proved no doubt effectual.

At the same Court yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that ffrom hensforthe no Jornyman shall goo to any offeringe but duely to wayt vppon their m^r vppon the Sondayes and hallydaies vntill Even-song be donne, and then vppon lycens to goo where honestie shall require as to shooting and suche lyke.

This minute and that of the 9th May above (page 219), give a curious picture of the domestic relations existing between the employers and their workmen. It appears that not only the apprentice, but the non-householder journeyman also were kept in the strictest discipline. Each lived in his master's house and had to accompany him and his family to church on Sunday and holydays, both in the morning and afternoon. He was not to absent himself on the plea of attending "offerings," but was free to amuse himself as he pleased during the after part of the day. Finsbury and Islington fields for archery, and the Thames, with its aquatic sports, were the favourite resorts for recreation. This policy was more generally enforced some fifty years later by the "Book of Sports," as James I's "Declaration" of 1618 is usually called. It permitted the use of lawful sports on Sunday after church time, but to those only who had attended Divine Service. Among the *lawful* sports were dancing, leaping, archery, and setting-up maypoles; whilst bear-baiting, bowling, and interludes were declared *unlawful*. The "Book of Sports" was publicly burnt under the Commonwealth on 10th May, 1643.

At the same Court [10th December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and the hole Clothing that Browne the Clarck shoulde haue an offering yerely at Christmas of all the howsholders that is to saye of the Clothing ij d. apece or more at their pleasuers . and of the yemandry jd. apece and more at their will and pleasuer. So that none of the clothing geue vnder ij d. and the yemandry not vnder jd.

At the same Court it was also agreed that ffraunce Barnard shoulde be the Cooke and serue the Company aswell the Clothing as the yemandry and not to be put owt so long as he vseth hymself lyke an honest man and will serue as good chepe as another man . And the same ffraunce promysed that he wolde serue the company all their quarter dayes ffrank and ffree so that he maye haue the Benyfit in ffring all the wedinge that may or shalbe kept in the Hall.

The Halls of the various Companies were found very useful for the more important social festivities, and contributed to increase the income of the Companies. The Pewterers paid their cook for his services by granting him a monopoly as caterer to wedding parties hiring the Hall.

In the list of payments of "Quarterage for the yemandrye" is this entry :

Jfm Rs' of John Bushe [no amount] forgevyn bycause he sarvythe at y^e ffeast day.

Bush was the Carver, and in recompense for his services, the office being no sinecure, was exempted from paying his Quarterage of 12*d*.

Jfm lent vnto browne [the Clerk] upon his bill at the comaundement of the assystaunce when his wif was brought a bed . . . xx s.

Jfm we aske allowaunce towardes the maisters ffeaste and as it was agreed by the whole Clothing at a Court holden the xixth daye of June 1561 . . . liij s. iiij d.

This was for the Election dinner on the feast of the Assumption, 15th August; the amount previously allowed was 26*s*. 8*d*.

1561-2. **¶** At a Court holden the same daye [30th January] m^r nogayes mettall being afore pvsed [perused] and ouer sene by m^r Rowlandson, m^r Baker John Gerye Edwarde Reo and Geffery mathewe where they ffounde as ffolowth that is to saye the Best mettall worsse then ffyne by ij graynes the Second worsse by iiij graynes The therde worsse then ffyne by v graines and a half and Beareth in Peke after xij li the C as now it is and to make yt laye it will beare in peke but xxiiij li the C Wherefore it was ordered and agreed that the said Thomas nogaye shoulde content and paye vnto m^r Curtis for all suche mettall as was ffound ffawty in his hande fforthwth towarde his losse ix s. and they to be lovers and ffrende. And yt was also agreed that the same nogaye shoulde pay in the name of a ffyne to the Crafte boxe for the same mettall and others remaynyng in the Hall ijs. and so for this tyme to haue his mettall agayne and if he be taken wth the Lyke ffawt to paye the hole ffyne wthowt ffavo^r Beside the losse of all suche ffawty mettall.

¶ At a Court holden the same daye [27th February] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that the Beadle shoulde haue xij d. of every of the Company for his paynes taking if he were desired to warne the whole company either for offeringe Burialle and for other warninge

Except it be at the Comaundement of the m^r for the tyme being or the wardens for the Craft^e busines, And also it is agreed that the Beadles wif shoulde haue yerely for wassing the craft^e napery vj s. viij d.

¶ At the same Court [8th May] yt was agreed that the whole companye shoulde sell for ix d. and ix d. ob viij d. laye and no mony to be abated neither to chapmen nor others. [Rough Minutes 21.]

This order made a uniform selling price for "lay," or inferior, pewter compulsory upon the whole Company. The trade price, or price among themselves, being 8d. per lb., the retail price to the public must not exceed or be less than from 9d. to 9½d.

¶ And that the xxviii^t daye of maye 1562 the Lorde Wittm Howarde came to the Hall and went vp into the newe plo^r who there toke his othe as other pewterers haue done and kissed the Booke and ffrom thens went to the guilde Hall and was made ffree of ower Company the same daye.

The Company were proud of their new member, Lord William Howard, who was Lord Chamberlain. When he attended their feast (see 11th July below) an extra allowance was made to the Master and Wardens for the entertainment. Lord Howard died in January, 1572-3.

¶ At the same Court [20th June] yt was agreed by the whole Company that ffrom this day forwarde none of the Company shall haue adoo with Nicholas Rodes neither to bye nor sell wth hym nor yet borowe nor lende by any manner of meanes nor to take hym as a Brother of the felowship and who so ever that shall offend to the Contrary hereof shall paye in the name of a ffyne Tenne pound^e wthowt any ffavo^r being duly provid . The same Rodes was disfranchesid for that he Contrary to his othe and lyke no trewe pewterer w^{ch} was never heretofore sene did in the sight of straungers myxed tynne and leade together, and made of good Tynne ffalse tynne to the great deceyuing of the Quens mat^e people as well in this Realme as other fforren parties to the great slaunder of all the pewterers in London.

¶ At the same Court yt was also agreed by the whole clothing and Company that ffrom this daye fforwarde none of the Crafte should haue

adoo w Robert Somers neither to bye nor sell nor yet to borowe nor lende to hym by any manner of meanes not to take him agayne as a Brother vppon payne and fforfaytur of Tenne pounde . The causis wherfore he was disfranchesid was for theise causes folowing

ffirst for going about lyke a hawker and prowling others mens bargaynes of the Company owt of their hande.

Itm for procuring awaye the customers from m^r daye who was his m^r.

Itm for keping a boye contrary to the orders of the howse and agaynst the maisters comaundement and for mocking the m^r when he sent for hym saing he had put hym awaye and kept hym still.

Itm for procuring awaye a shoppe from Browne o^r Clarck.

Itm for fforstawling of a Brother of the company John chester and taking a lease of the howse of the same chester ouⁿ his hed.

Itm for bying of olde mettall and selling it old as it was.

Itm for discrying the previties of the Company saying he wolde geue more for olde mettall by o^b in a pound for that yt was all Redy tempored w^t tynne glasse.

The last offence in regard to "old metal" is curious. It could not be bought or sold "as it was," but had to be melted down first. The tempering with "tynne glass" was evidently a trade secret.

¶ At a Court holden the same daye [11th July] yt was agreed by the whole Clothing that the m^r and wardens shoulde haue allowed Towarde their ffestivall dynner over and aboue that w^{ch} was graunted the last yeare owt of the Crafte Boxe the S^m of xxvj s. viij d. vppon Condiçōn that if the Lorde Cheif Chaum^brlayne come to dynner or promis to come to dynⁿ or that he send his geste . And if he come not nor send his geste then to haue no more allowaunce then was allowed the last yeare And so ffrom hensforth if the saide Lord chaum^brlayn come to dynner all other m^r and wardens for the tyme being to haue the Lyke allowaunce.

¶ At the same Court it was agreed vppon Consideaçōn of the Quenes ma^te going a progresse and that m^r warden mille was appoynted to be one to wayte vpon her grace the Principall dynⁿ shoulde be kept the xxvij daye of this p^sent moneth of Julye next.

ffor the nether warden. This is the title given this year to the Junior Warden at the election on the 15th July.

Ther haue awarded [10th August] by the order of the howse that the same Nicholas Rodes shalbe Receyued agayne in to be Company vppon his Submyssion vppon Condicion that he bring in to the howse for his ffyne in monye v li at suche Conuenient tyme as the m^r and wardens shall think mete And that there shalbe an order and note made of his Cryme and the same to be Reade every quarter daye and he to paye every qrter Contynually during his lyf to the Crafte Boxe for reading the same iiij d. The saide m^r and wardens agreed that the said Rodes shoulde paye the saide v li in manner & forme folowing that is to saye quarterly vntill yt be paid And it ffarther agreed that there shall be nothing Reade qrterly as is aforesaid So that the same Rodes doo quietlye pay his moonye and also his iiij d. to the Boxe quarterly.

At the same Courte [9th October] Robert Backhowse paide in the name of a ffyne for that there was founde in his howse v platters Sothered with paile Contrary to o^r ordenaunce xij d.

The xviiijth daye of Nouem̄br 1562. **The** bill of Seasment for the Lone of the ffyftie pounds to by whet.

Sixty-two names follow with amounts varying from v s. to xl s. This loan was refunded to the Company and repaid by the Company to its members, as appears by the following note at the foot of the list.

Receyued of m^r Chambrlayne by the hande of m^r John whit aldermaⁿ the xth daye of Septem̄br 1563. pd to the company by the hande of Thomas Allyn warden in A^o 1564.

By his will, dated 1st December, 1562, Edward Catcher, citizen and Pewterer, left twenty shillings to be distributed annually among five poor freemen, and ten shillings to the Company towards their quarter-day dinner. The above sum was a rent-charge upon four tenements which the testator occupied in his lifetime in the parish of St. Peter the Poor in Broad Street. The operative clause is transcribed in the Book of Inventories (3, 187-8).

At a Court holden the same daye [3rd December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that ffrom hensforth the maister & wardens and their Successours shoulde haue towarde the quarter dynners to be kept in the Hall for ever allowaunce owt of the lande in ffanchurch streate yearely ffortie shillinge That is to saye Quarterly x s. And every one of the Company beinge of the Clothing that doth dyne at the same dynners to paye foure pence and not aboute.

At the same Courte [10th December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and the whole Company vpon the Submyssion of Robert Somers and paying his fyne shoulde be taken in agayne to the Company vpon Condiçōn that he never doo any such acte as before he hath done but become a new man and not hereafter to stand to moch in his owne conceipt and if he bee found and taken w^t the lyke ffaute agayne he shalbe Banished the Company for ever, and never be Receyued agayne, And So it was agreed he shoulde paye xxx s. in manⁿ and forme folowing that is to saye to the howse for his fyne xx s. and to Browne the Clarcke vj s. viij d. and to the Beadle ij s. iiij d. and so to haue his pawne agayne, to the w^{ch} order he hath set his hand

Robert Somers.

At the same Courte [18th December] it was agreed that where Raphe neues owith vnto Wittm Readman the Smⁿ of ij li. iiij s. vj d. in mony and xxxvij li of ffyne mettall it is agreed that the same Raphe shoulde worke vnto the saide Readman wekely ij dosen of Earemasers to begyn the weke after xijth day ffrank and ffree after xvij d. the dof vntill the saide ij li. iiij s. vj d. be paid And for the mettall to paye it agayn when the mony is Ronne owt.

Earemasers were probably the small round shallow pans or porringers with two broad flat handles or "ears" extending from the rim on opposite sides. These handles often took the form of the Company's crest.

At the same Courte it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that harry fflick the mayors officer shoulde be ow^r Sargeaunt and serve ower Hall and Supplye the Roome of John Sandye.

The services of the Serjeant were required to accompany the Master and Wardens in their Searches at Fairs. It was also his duty to arrest offenders who were committed to prison, or summoned before the Lord Mayor.

The first three entries on the list of **Quarterage** for the clothing are :

Item R^s of the Right honorable lorde Willm Howarde.

Item R^s of m^r Thomas stewkley Esquier.

Item R^s of m^r Edwarde Cacher m^r Willm Mills and Nicholas Turner Wardens.

None of the above pay the usual 12*d.*; it was customary to relieve the Master and Wardens from this payment.

Item pd for Russhes and strawing yerbes the xxviith daye of may that daye the lorde Chaumbrleyn Cam to the hall to be sworne and was made ffree of o^r Company vj d.

Item pd that daye for a pottell of Ipocresse ij s. iiij d.

Item pd the xiiijth day of July for the last xvth w^{ch} was graunted to Pawles vj s. viij d.

The steeple of the Cathedral was destroyed by lightning in 1561, the fire threatening the safety of the adjoining locality. The damage to St. Paul's was considerable, and occasioned a large outlay for repairs.

Item pd to the m^r, mr Cacher for a garnysh of vessell which was given to the lorde Chaumbrlayn poz^d [*i.e.*, weight] lvth li di at ix*d.* the pounce xlj s. vij d. ob.

Item pd to Sandy the mayors officer for fetching m^r warden Curtis before my lord mayo^r xij d.

Charge of Twelue soldyers which was delyuered at the grocers Hall the xxth daye of Septemb^r to serue the Quene at the charge off the Crafte 1562.

Item pd to xij men in Prest xij s.

Item pd for viij Corselets at xxvj s. vj d. the pece x li. xij s.

Item pd for Earnest of the same Harnes xij d.

Item pd for iij morres piks vj s. viij d.

Item pd for a pece of Blewcloth of xxij yards to make Soldiers Cloks v li.

Item pd more for v yards of blewe at iiij s. x d. y^e yard xxiiij s. ij d.

Item pd for ix yards of Red at xxj d. the yard xv s. ix d.

Item pd for iiij lether Jerkins xv s.

Item pd for ij Red Cappes . . . . .	. ij s. iiij d.
Item pd for mending of iiij Gonnes . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item pd for making clene of vj payr of Harnesses . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item pd for ij Jacks of Stile [? Steel] . . . . .	. . . . . viij s.
Item pd for iiij Black morryans . . . . .	. . . . . x s. viij d.
Item pd for ij fflaskes . . . . .	. . . . . ij s. ij d.
Item pd for making of xij soldier Clokes . . . . .	. . . . . xvj s.
Item pd for iiij dosin of poynts . . . . .	. . . . . viij d.
Item pd for iiij swords . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s. x d.
Item pd for ij Harkabushes . . . . .	. . . . . xij s. vj d.
Item pd for mending of the spring of one of the gons . . . . .	. . . . . vj d.
Item pd for a pound and a half of gonne powder . . . . .	. . . . . xx d.
Item pd for iiij daggers . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item pd for six swerde gerdles . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item pd for Bowstringe . . . . .	. . . . . ij d.
Item pd for ij li of Candell . . . . .	. . . . . v d.
Item pd for dressing of swords and daggers . . . . .	. . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item pd for lynyng of viij moryans . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item pd for oile for the Harnes . . . . .	. . . . . ij d.
Item pd for cariag of the Corselets to the captayns howse and for Corde to bynd them together . . . . .	. . . . . v d.
Item pd to the xij Soldyers for Conduct mony . . . . .	. . . . . xlviij s.

The above contingent, the Company's quota of 600 men demanded from the City by Elizabeth, were required for the war with France. The Queen had taken the side of the Huguenots, and had seized Havre as security for the surrender of Calais by the French.

Allowaunce this yeare.

Item I aske allowance towards o ^r ffestyvall dyn ⁿ and for that we looked for the lorde chambrlayn . . . . .	. . . . . iiij li.
Item more paid to the mr, mr Cacher for that he was thrise maister acording to the order . . . . .	. . . . . xl s.

J^m I aske allowaunce for xvij frenche crownes w^{ch} was paide owt of the mony Receyued of mr Reo vpon the ffoote of his accompt at vjs iiij d. the pece and paide owt for vjs. the pece so there was iiij d. lost in every cron vjs.

J^m more they ought to paye Back of the allowaunce of the prencipall dynner for that the lorde Chambrlayne camm not nor no provision made for his Coming the S^m of xxvjs. viij d.

The above is a note made by the auditors at the foot of this account.

J^m R_e for ij Silver spones w^{ch} was geven by W^{illm} Bennet, vj Silver spones and ij masers and one Silver spone of the gifte of mighell duffelde weinge all xvij oz and a half solde the xix of July 1563 to W^{illm} ffeke goldsmith at iiij s. viij d. p oz. iiij li. vjs. iiij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

J^m at Saynt katherins tyde Anno dni 1561 for ij dosen di of white Plates whereof one dof is w^t doble Socket_e to hange abowt the hall vj s. ij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

J^m pd for iij fframes of waynscot for the iij long tables in the hall and one fframe for the table in the greate parlo^r and for a back of waynscot there iiij li. xiiij s. iiij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

1562-3. **@** a Court holden the same daye [4th January] it was agreed by the whole Body of the Company that there shoulde Sute be made in the plyment, And for all suche Charge as shall happen to be spent in the Sute thereof shoulde be at the Charge of the howse. And it was ffarther agreed that these men folowinge shoulde be Suters in the same.

The Clothing	The yemandrie
W ^{illm} Curtes warden	Willm Hartwell
Richard Scot warden	[& 10 of the yeomanry.]
[& 14 of the livery.]	

The duties of these "sutors" were probably to wait on the Speaker or attend before a Parliamentary Committee, and it is worthy of especial notice that the Yeomanry formed part, and almost an equal part, of the deputation.

At the same Courte Stephin Calie complayned agaynst Richarde Harrysson for xvli of fyne mettall which after the price of vjd. the pounce is vijs. vjd. the same Harrysson hathe promysed to paye vnto the said Stephin every weke ij dosen of Spones w' latten knobbes vntill the said mony were Ron owt.

ffynes of certayne of the Company [25th January] for that they cam not in their best Lyverie to M^r Cachers buriall.

A list of seven persons who were fined 12d. each.

The bill of Seasment for the lone of L pound to bye whete the xxv daye of Januarye 1562.

Then follow the names of 29 of the Clothing and 31 of the Yeomanry, with the sum contributed by each. At the foot is the following note:

This monye was Receyued the xxvth daye of ffebruary 1563 of m^r John whit then being lord mayo^r of london and paid too the Companye by m^r Allyn warden and so this is quit discharged.

It was agreed [26th February] by the whole howse that there shoulde be taken of the Cornishe me^r VC [500] pecce of tyn after xli the C and to Receyue ij C at mydsomer coynage and at mighelmas Coynage. [Rough Minutes 21.]

At the same Court [19th March] Robert west complayned agaynst m^r hustwayte Saing he that he mysvsed and slaundered hym in the pallace of westmynster calling hym these ffalse knave and bad men look as they stood mark this man for he is a ffalse maker of measuer pottē for where they shoulde be a quart he makith them a pynt and a half and goith about to deceyve you of yo^r drink Yt was agreed at both their Requeste to trie their matter before the Lorde mayo^r and the benche.

The Certificate [1st May.] of the m^r and wardens to the Quenes maiestē highe Seassours for the Citie of London 1563.

The said Company maye dispend in howses and small Tentē by the yeare xvij li. xs. whereof is paide owt yearely in Quitrentē and the other allowaunce owt of the same Rentē v li. ij s. x d. So rest xij l. vij s. ij d.

Itm in Plate to the value of ix li.

And as for Juellē stockē of monie or mony in keping we haue none.

And that o^r Hall is indebted in dyverse Somes of monye vnto dyverse psones the S^m of ffortie pounds and more beseching yo^r worships to consider it.

An order
for y^r
yemandries
fest.

At the same Court [11th June] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that in Consideracon of the great Excessyve price of victuallē the greate Encrease of the Company that the hall is not able to holde them, and also that the Hall is in debt and lackith mony And also in Consideracon of the great Sute made vnto the said m^r and wardens and assystaunce By the m^r and wardens of the yemandrie for the none keping of the yemandries ffeast Yt is thought good that the saide maister and wardens of the Yemandrie shall paye to the Comōn Boxe of the saide Company the S^m of viij li. lawfull mony of Englande That is to saye every of the saide m^r and wardens xl s. And not to make any Sumptuous dynner Comonly callid the Yemandries ffeaste, And that the said m^r and wardens of the Yemandrie at their only cost charge shall provide meate and drink for the nombr of xxx psones of the best of the Yemandrie at the quarter dynner kepte in the hall by the m^r next before mighelmas next comynge at the which dynner there shalbe Elect and chosen the newe maister and wardens of the Yemandrie to Succede the place for the two yeares next folowinge And ffarther it is agreed that every one of the yemandrie that shall dyne at the said dynner shall paye towardē the wyne vj d. And that the olde m^r and wardens shall according to the olde Custome and order geve vpp their acompt to the new m^r and wardens the sondaye next after Saynt katherins daye And so lykewise the newe m^r and wardens and their Successours shall also paye to the craftē Boxe the S^m of viij li. if they doo not kepe the yemandries feast that is to Saye every of the saide m^r and wardens yerely during the terme of two yeares xx s. And also to prepare a dynner as is aforesaid in their latter yeare vpon the qrter daye nexte before mighelm̄s when the newe m^r & wardens shalbe chosen Spending at the said dynner the S^m of foure poundē that is to saye every of the olde m^r & wardens xx s. apece. And that every one of the Yemandrie shall paye yearly to the m^r & wardens of the yemandrie for the

Releving of the poore men bretherne of the Company vj d. yearely and to be discharged of their offering pence and playe pence. And that all psons that haue married within those two yeares shall paye to the m^r & wardens of the yemandrie in the name of theire o o o o xij d. Provided alwaies that this order shall remayne in full fforce and strength as longe the m^r wardens & assistaunce shall think mete & Convenyent Cause to the Contrary & no longer.

This interesting order gives much information about the yeomanry and their feast, but many of the details are obscure. It had been the practice seemingly for the Yeomanry officials to invite the whole Company to their feast. The "playe pence" were the contributions of the Members towards the cost of the play after the banquet.

At the same Court [9th October] it was agreed that none shoulde goo too Searche at gravisend this yeare by meanes of the Plague.

The plague was now raging in London to such an extent that the ports of the Low Countries were closed to the importation of English cloth, our great national industry.

The following extract from the Corporation Records (*Letter Book T*, fol. 137), contains an order passed by the Court of Aldermen in 1563:—

Jo^{is} xxix^{mo} die Aprilis Anno Regni Regine Elizabeth Quinto. Itm yt was this daye orderyd by the Courte here that there shall no pewterer from hensforthe make eny other barred pottes of pewter but onely "thirdendales" and half thirdendales vppon payne of forfeiture of the same. And yt was also orderyd that the Keper of the standerd shall not seale eny other barryd pottes from hensforthe of eny other quantety or assise then ys above recytyd vppon payne of forfeiture of his seyd office.

In this year [1563] was passed the famous Statute of Apprentices, 5 Elizabeth, cap. IV. By this Act, no person was allowed to exercise a trade unless he had previously served a seven years' apprenticeship to it, though the restriction did not, of course, affect trades which were established in England after the passing of the statute. The enactment was found very burdensome, and, although it was held to apply only

to towns, it was repealed in 1814, on the recommendation of a committee of the House of Commons; some reservations were, however, made "in favour of the customs and by-laws of the city of London and of other cities, and of corporations and companies lawfully constituted."

Item R^s for ix payre of knyves xvij d.

These knives were remarkably cheap at 1d. each. Forks were not yet in use, which may account for the use of knives in pairs.

pardonyd
by y^e last
parliament.

Item R^s for v small kettells weing xijth at vj d. y^e thi vj s.

Item R^s the same of certayne of the clothing for fynes for that they cam not in the^r best lyvery at the Buriall of mr. cacher as maye appeare vij s.

Recepued of the mr and wardens of the yemandry that is to say Allyn Gardener, Robert Cropwell, John Sherwyne and Thomas burton acording to agrement at a Court holden the xjth daye of June 1563. ffor they gaue to the crafts boxe in mony because they made not a dynner for the whole Company as hath bynne accustomed viij li.

Item R^s for xxxvij thi of syne mettall which was taken fforfayte this yeare at vj d. the thi xvij s. vj d.

Item R^s for xl thi of ffrench laye w^{ch} was sold for xij s.

Item geven to Thomas lowton soldyer w^{ch} cam from ffrance sore hurt by agrement of assistuⁿce [*i.e.*, of the Court of Assistants.] v s.

Item pd to John Scrocam tynkerde towards the losse of his iiij kettells w^{ch} was taken forfayte agreed by the assy^staunce ij s.

Item pd for a boxe to put o^r Ryding patent in iiij d.

Item pd to ij men that scorged mⁿ priers man and for Rod^e vd.

Item pd for breade and drink for the assistaunce at a Courte daye ij d.

Item pd for a draught of a supplicaconⁿ drawen at gylde hall agaynst west for the order of barpots xij d.

Item pd to the Joyenner for setting to gether of iiij olde scoshins and lethering of all x d.

Item pd to the Joyner for Carving the fflowⁿ at the end^e of vij scochins and for one newe Scochine vij s. iiij d.

Item pd to Robert Clarck paynter for payntinge & gildinge of viij Scochins w^t sondry armes at xvij d. the pece xij s.

Jfm pd for a pottell pot a quart and a pynt pot of taverne ware to be standers in the howse weinge viij lb iij q^{rt} at iiij d. the pounce
ij s. xj d.

Jfm pd to Bodam for Cutting of the vyne and for A white powle brushe to swepe the hall xv d.

Jfm pd to the Carpenter for a Sellar dore xx d.

Jfm pd for ij single quarters that made Cleates vj d.

Jfm pd to mr. Gerye for a garnishe of vessell weing Lvij th at viij d. the pound xls. iiij d., two doꝝ of trenchers xij s., vj Candellstick_e xij s. whiche were geven to the lorde keper, and xij trenchers vj s. w^{ch} were geven to mr Philips. S^m of all is iij li x s. iiij d.

Charge for the setting forthe of viij Soldyers by a Presept the xjth day of July 1563, which were delyuered at Tower hill and so sent to Newhaven.

The total cost was 12l. 11s. 7d., and among the 32 entries is the following :—

Jfm pd to the Capetayne for his good will in the Exceptyng of ower men and harnes x s.

Charge for xij soldyers which by presept sent from the mayo^r the xxiiij day of Julye was Comaunded to be in a Redines with their furnytur of Artillary within one houres warning, which soldyers being kept at the Craft_e charge xij dayes were then discharged and never went forthe. A^o 1563.

Jfm pd for a doꝝ of gerdles wherof the soldiers Ran away wth ffyve of them ix s.

Jfm pd for xij arming sword_e at iij s. iiij d. a pece wherof the Soldiers ys Ronne away w^t ij of them xl s.

Jfm pd to v of the soldiers for their swerds and daggers to saue ower owne [to save our own] wthin o^r hall xiiij s.

These troops were dispatched from Newhaven for the defence of Havre, which, as stated above, was held by Elizabeth. It was besieged by the French, and, after the garrison had been decimated by plague, it capitulated in July.

1563-4. ¶ a Court then holden [6th March] Robert Bakehouse Complayned against John holstock for that he Receyved in to his hande a mawnde wherin was Shroffe weying xxxix li. Itm in ffyne mettall xiiij li and also in Leade iiij C wth a Red clothe &c w^{ch} the same holstocke contrary to right w^holdeth from the saide Backhowse being sent vnto hym Yt is agreed that the saide holstock shoulde delyver vnto the saide Backhowse the saide maunde w^t all thinge therein, and they to stand to the Judgment by the man of the countree by whome yt was sent vpp, to whome the saide maund sholde aptayne and if it might be proved the saide mawnde was sent vpp vnto the saide holstock Then the saide Backhowse wthin xxiiij houres shoulde delyuer the saide maund & all other thinge vnto the saide Holstock or elle so moche monye as the value therof.

¶ a Court then holden [7th April] Yt was agreed That wheare m^r Cacher by his last will and Testament hathe geven to ffyve poremen of the saide Company a Certayne Almas That is to saye vnto every of the saide ffyve men xij d. every quarter and their dynⁿ or elle vj d. in monye at the discession of the m^r and wardens for the tyme being So the whole almas is to be taken owt of the Revenues of m^r Cachers lande vijs. vj d. a quarter it is Concluded that theise psonnes folowing shoulde Receyve the Benyfet of the saide almas to begynne at mydsomer next

Robert Borne
Robert Rose
Richard King thelder

John Tugley
Harry Ractlif.

¶ the same Court [15th April] Robert Bakehowse complayned agaynst John holstock for that he had not so moche mettall in the maunde as he ought to haue by v li of leade. Shroffe v li & one pounce of ffyne mettall and for that he demaunded the same holstock saide he wolde and were not for shame pull his ffoxes ffurred gowne over his eares. So it is agreed that both shoulde bring in their ffynes of xx s. apece ffor their approbrious wordes the one agaynst the other by ffrydaye next and then to be determynd.

¶ the same Court [21st September] yt was agreed by the most part of all the ffellowshipp that every one of the Clothing shoulde haue

but ij apprentice at one tyme . And every one owt of the clothing to haue but one apprentice at one tyme . Provided alwaye that althose that haue bynne or shalbe m^r and wardens being of the assystaunce shall haue three apprentice vpon condicōn that they be Bound in an obligacōn of x^{ti} to set ij Jornymen on worck.

At the foresaide Courte [11th October] there was brought and delyuered intoo the hande of the m^r and wardens a lytle standing Cupp w^t a kever and a Goblet pcell gilt weying xxxviiij oz iij qrtr which was geuen vnto the howse by S^r peter warrisson Clarck.

Sir Peter Warryson, clerk, was a clerical member of the Company, "Sir" being the ordinary prefix in use in olden times to denote a person in holy orders. He became a liveryman in 1555-6, his place on the roll being immediately after the Master and Wardens; his name disappears from the list in 1564-5. Sir Peter could hardly have been the Chaplain, as he was put in nomination for the office of Junior Warden in 1558-9 (p. 201). His admission must have been by redemption or by honorary grant. He left the Company a bequest of 4*l.* for a loving cup.

J^m Rs for iij weddings kept in o^r hall at v^s. the pece and ij of the company at xx d. a pece S^m xviiij s. iij d.

J^m Rs of S^r Peter warrisson Clerck [for Quarterage] iij s.

J^m pd to Browne for writing o^r newe boke of ordenⁿce x s.

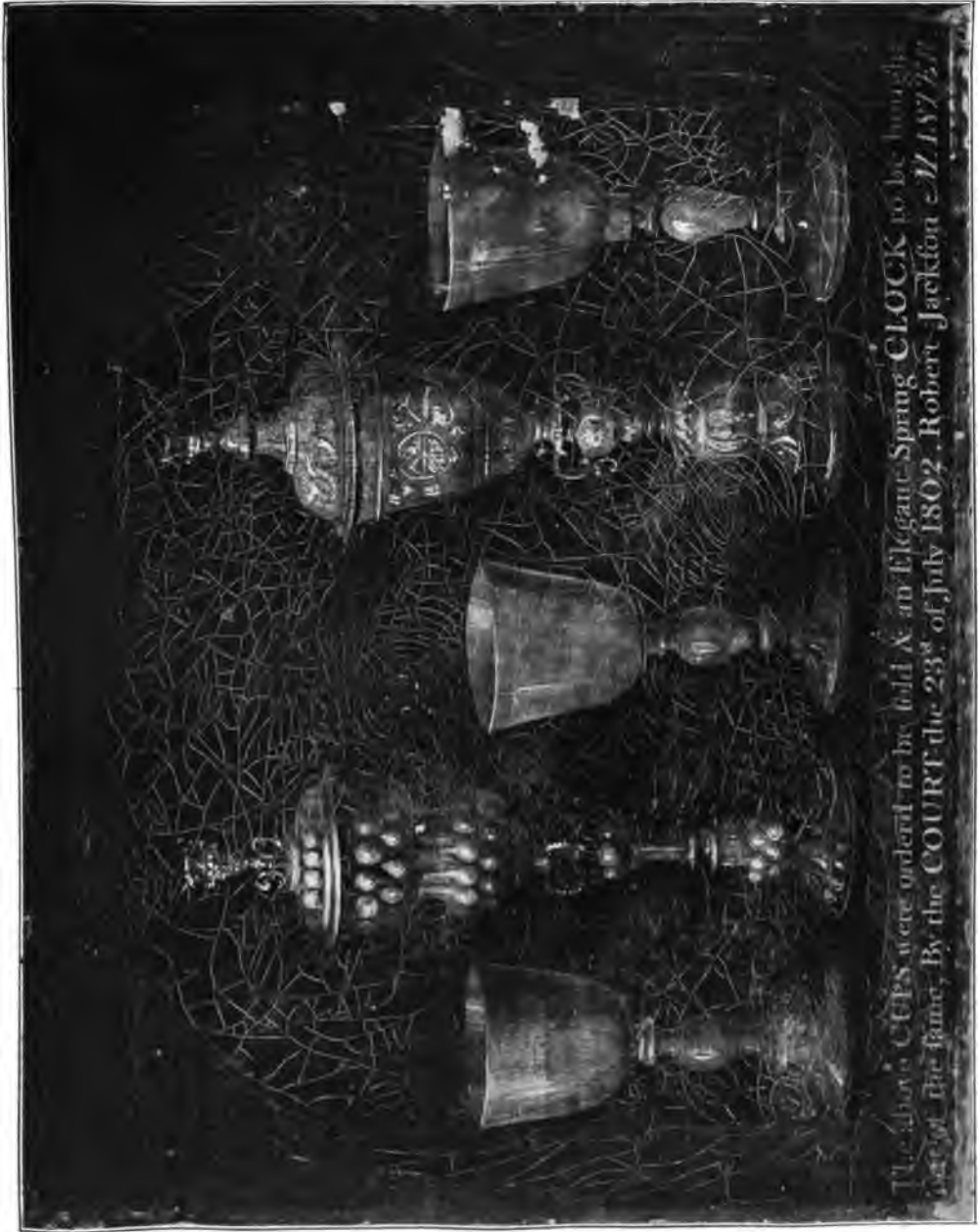
J^m pd for Englisshing the Corparacōn because the company wolde vnderstand the meaning thereof vj d.

J^m pd for writting a newe table of the names of all the whole Lyvery
iij s. viij d.

This is an early (if not the first) instance of the use of the term "livery," instead of "Clothing," to denote the higher grade of members of the Company.

J^m pd for breade and drink for certayne of the assistⁿce when they went to vewe the ffyning [refining] howse vj d.

This year the Company was presented with a second book of Ordinances. It is of paper, and only eight folios are used, the remainder being blank. At the beginning of the volume is the following inscription :



The above CUPS were ordered to be sold at an Elegant Spring CLOCK to be brought out of the fame, By the COURT the 23rd of July 1802. Robert Jackson M.A. 1772.

LOVING CUPS FORMERLY BELONGING TO THE COMPANY. FROM A PAINTING IN PEWTEERS' HALL.



Anno Dñi 1564. In the tyme of maister Stephin Rowlandson John Gerye and Thomas Allyn then beinge m^r and wardens of the mistery of pewterers this boke was made and was geuen by willm^r Curtes to write in the good orders of the Sayde Crafte.

Beneath this heading and occupying the rest of the page is a coloured drawing of the Company's arms with two naked winged boys as supporters. Above the shield are the letters W. C., the initials of William Curtis, the donor of the book.

Then follow the "Othe of the craft" and the Master's and Wardens oaths, which do not differ from the earlier forms printed on pages 31-2. After the Oaths are the Ordinances, which occupy six folios and include some of later date down to the year 1572.

The othe of
the Bedle.

Youe shall sweare that youe shalbe faithfull to o^r soueraigne lady the Quene and to her heires kinge and quenes of England youe shalbe of good behauer and of good abearynge and obeydient to the maister and wardens for the tyme being and their Comaundem^te shall diligently and gladly doo. And youe shalbe good and gentill of behauio^r to the whole felowshipp theire secret^e Councell^e ordenaunc^e and rules made or to be made by the saide m^r wardens and ffellowshipp youe shall kepe and not disclose to no parson w^out Cōmaundment of the saide maister and wardens Youe shall knowe no gatheringe nor secret workinge or euill demeanors which might be preiudice to the maister and wardens within their saide felowship but youe shall let it to yo^r poure and geue the maister and wardens knowledge and warning thereof. Youe shall Enquire and present the names of all them that shalbegyn to set vp newe howses or open any shopp or shoppes within their saide yeare and the names of all prentice that shalbe newe bounde in the saide yeare and the names of their maisters to whome they are bounde vnto and to kepe a boke of all the names of the whole felowship aswell of Jornymen and prentice as all howseholders In theise and all other thinge that apartayneth to the office of a Beadle belonging to a company youe shall well and truely execute and behaue youe so god youe helpe and all Saynt^e and by this booke.

The othe of
the Clarck.

Youe shall sweare that youe shalbe faithfull to o^r soueraigne lady the Quene and to her heires and successors Kinge and Quenes of England.

Youe shalbe of good abearyng and obeydient to the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge Youe shalbe of good abearyng and obeydient to the maister and wardens for the tyme being and of good behauior to all the hole felowship theire secretē Councellē ordenauncē and rules made or to be made by the saide m^r wardens and felowship youe shall kepe and not vtter nor disclose to no parson Youe shall knowe no p^rudice nor hurt towardē the m^r wardens & felowship but youe shall let it to yo^r poure and geue the m^r and wardens knowledge and warnyng thereof. Youe shall vse yo^r self Indifferently and truely to all the hole felowship in your office of Clarckshipp So god youe helpe and all sayntē and by this booke.

An order for
bying w^t
servantē.

ffirst it is agreed that it shall not be lawfull for no couenant Seruant to buy nor sell any kynd of ware but only for his m^r vse, nor that any man of the saide crafte shall sell nor buye with any Couenaunt Seruaunt or apprentice any ware except it be for his maisters vse vpon payne to forfait eury tyme ofending aswell the buyer as the Seller xx s. the one moytie to hym or them that can proue the same and the other moytie to the Craftē boxe.

An order for
disclosing
of wordē.

Also it is farther agreed that who so euer of the saide felowship that doth disclose any thinge that is spoken in the hall at any Courte amonge the felowshipe, the which maye be to the dishonestie or Reproche of the saide Company shall paye therefore being duely proued to the Craftē boxe xx s.

An order for
marking of
wares: and
Touches.

Also it is agreed that eury one of the saide felowship that makith any warre shall set his owne marke thereon. And that no man shall geue for his proper marck or touch the Rose and crown w^t tres [letters] nor otherwise but only to hym to whome it is geuen by the felowship. Nor that no man of the saide Crafte shall geue one anothers marck nother w^t tres nor otherwise, but eueryone to geue a sondry marck such one as shalbe alowed by the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge vpon payne to forfait and paye for eury tyme offendinge to the Craftē boxe xij s. iiij d.

An order for
y^e audytors.

Also it is agreed that there shalbe foure Awdytours Chosen eury yeare to awdit the Craftē accomptē and they to parvse it and search it that it be perfect. And also to accompt it Correct it and allowe it So that they make an ende of the awdet therof between Mighelmas and Christmas

yearely and if defaute be made of ffenishinge thereof before Christmas yearely euery one of the saide Awdytours shall paye to the Crafte boxe vj s. viij d. a pece.

An order for
y^e m^r &
wardens
quarterage.

Also it is agreed that from hensforth the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge shall paye no quarterage for that yeare that they are in office.

An order for
q^uter dynners.

Also it is agreed that there shalbe yearely from hensforth for euer foure Quarter dynners that is to saye in euery quarter in the yeare at the Search daye a dynner And the same dynners alwais to be kepte in the hall belonginge to the saide felowship for the whole Clothinge, and euery one of the saide clothinge to paye for their dynner vj d. a pece and not aboue.

Salts
making.

Also it is agreed that from hensforth that no maker of salt^e shall make any salt^e other then iiij s. and iij s. salt^e and chopnet^e greate and small after the olde fasshion of laye, but that they shalbe forfeited And that no man make no newe fasshion salt^e withowt it be allowed by the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge Except it be fyne mettall vpon payne and forfaiture of all such Salt^e made to the contrary and true meaning hereof.

void.

An order for
sodering of
wares.

Also it is agreed that if any of the saide Company be taken to Soder any ware with softe pale, but onely one kynde of pale beinge harde and substanciall such as shalbe made with Tynne and peke and w^t no other kynd of mettall, vpon payne and forfaiture of all such ware as shalbe founde otherwise paled And the makers of such ware to forfaiture asmoch in monye as the ware is worth besides the forfaiture of the saide wares.

2^{li} of tynne
1^{li} of peake.

An order for
sayng of
Tynne.

Also it is agreed that none of the saide Company what so e^u he be shall Saye or bye any tynne for no straunger nor Englishman, Except it be for one of the Company beinge a freman of the same Crafte or for his owne vse and occupying vpon payne to forfaiture for euery pece of tynne so sayed duely p^{ro}ued [proved] xx s.

An order for
buyng of
leade or
tynne of
laborers.

Also it is agreed that none of the saide Crafte shall buye any leade or other mettall of Tilers Laborers, Masons, Boyes nor of women, Nor of none such as shall seme to be a Suspect parson Except they can fynde good and Sufficient warrent for the same. And that the buyers therof

will make answer for the same parsons so selling the saide leade or other mettall. Also it is farther agreed that no man of the saide company shall buy no pewter leade or any other kynd of mettall of no Suspect parson or parsons at their stall^e or ell^e wheare before Sixe of the Clock in the morning nor after Sixe of the Clock at night in the Somer season. And not before viij of the Clock in the mornynge nor after foure of the Clock in the after none in the wynter Season. And if yt be prouid that any of the Company, doo the Contrary and that the saide Pewter leade or other mettall shoulde chaunce to be founde stollen That then the buyers thereof offendinge in this article should not only at the discession of the m^r wardens and assystaunce for the tyme beinge be dysmissed from the company neuer to occupie the same agayne. But also shall stand to such ponishment of the lord mayo^r of london and the Aldermen of the same as they shall thinke mete. And that none of the saide company shalbe excused by his wife or Serua^{nt}^e nor none other such lyke excuse.

Also it is agreed that no man of the saide Crafte shall buye any Cornish tynne or deuonshere tynne without he doo take twoo pound for the Clof of euery pece of cornish tynne And one pounce for the Clof of euery pece of deuon^{sh} tynne. And who so euer buyeth anye such tynne Contrary to this order shall paye for euery pece of Cornish tynne to the Craft^e boxe tenne shilling^e. And for euery pece of deuon^{sh} tynne v. s. without any fauor.

Also it is agreed that the Clarck belonging to the saide company shoulde haue the makinge of all the prentic^e Indentures that shalbe made within the saide company, and who so euer doth put their Indentures to any other parson from the Clarck shall paye the Clarck neuer the lesse for euery paire xij d. And also to paye such fyne as the maister and wardens shall think mete for the same.

Also it is agreed that no parsonne of the said felowshippe doo from hensforth in his shoppe or in any other place eyther in selling or Chepeninge of his ware saye to any parson that his ware is better then any others of the Company by a peny ob or q^r a pounce more or lesse. the partie so sayinge beinge duely proued shall forfait and paye for euery tyme offending to the Craft^e boxe xx s. without any fauor.

An order for
bying and
saying of
Tynne with-
out Cloffs.

An order for
the clarke
for making
of inden-
tures.

voide.

An order for
hosting of
wares.

An order for
Jornyme².

Also it is agreed that no Jorneyman saruyng by the yeare shall departe from the saruice of his maister w'towt he geue his m^r half a yeares warnyng And he that sarueth by the half yeare shall not depart without a quarter of a year warnynge And he that sarueth by the weke shall not departe withoute a wekes warnynge And who so euer do offende contrary to this order shall forfaite and paye for a fyne xx s. And that if any parson of the felowship do set aworke any such Jorneyman that doth departe contrary to this order before he doth parfety knowe that he is clere from his m^r he cam from he shall paye lykewise in the name of a fyne xx s.

An order for
them y^twold
set vp.

Also it is agreed by the whole Company that the m^r and wardens shall not lycens any to set vp or kepe open Shopp vnto such tyme as the parson that wolde set vp do first come before the maister and wardens and the assistaunce and bringe his m^r w'home he was prentice w^t hym to make reporte of his behaour, what substance he is of and what workeman he is So that he maye be knowne whether he be worthy to set vp or not.

An order for
procuring
away
Custom².

Also it is agreed that no parson of the Crafte shall procure or labor by any maner of meanes either by Cookes or other parsons to Sinister or speake to any Company or Innes of Courte or any other Customers which any of the saide Company haue bynne accustomed to serue in tyme past either of wrought vessell or hiar of Rough vessell whereby he that haue sarued the saide Companis halff Innes of Courte and Customers be hindred and lose his Customers by such vnsemely procuring and means before such tyme as the parson which was wont to serue haue geuen over the saruing of such Customers And the matter examined before the m^r and wardens for the tyme beinge, and farther if any of the saide Company do goo to any Tauerne alehowse or any other howse or howses desiring to haue the mendig of pott² or changinge of vessell before any other and so by suche euill demeanors others of the saide company be hindered of their Customers, Wherefore who so euer do procure any other from his customers by any meanes or waies beinge duely proued or goo from howse to howse as aforesaide shall forfaite and pay for a fyne for euery tyme offending this article xls.

Also it is agreed that no youngman of the felowship which hath bynne apprentice to the same crafte shall be made free nor sworn before

the bokes of the Crafte be Searched whether his presentment be paide or not. And if he be not founde presented then his m^r or suche as haue had his laste seruice shall paye his presentment before he be made ffree.

Also it is agreed that no parson beinge of the Clothinge of the saide company shall haue as apprentic^e aboute the number of twoo at one tyme. And that no parson beinge owt of the Clothinge shall haue aboute the number of one apprentice at one tyme. And who so euer shall happen too offend contrary to this ordenaunce shall forfaite and paye for euery tyme offendinge tenne pound^e the one moitie wherof to be to the lorde mayo^r and Chaumberlayne of London and the othe moitie to be to the m^r and wardens and Co^minaltie of the saide crafte Prouided alwaies and it is agreed that all such parsons as haue bynne m^r and wardens of the saide company or hereafter shall be m^r and wardens of the saide company co^monly called the assystaunce shall and maye lawfully haue three apprentic^e at one tyme vppon condicc^on that euery such parson hauing iij apprentic^e shalbe bounde to the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge in an obligac^on of x li to set two Jorneymen on worke yf there be any destitute or lack^e worke beinge of the saide facultie that he that shalbe his maister ys of, And shalbe to hym appoynted by the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge Also that no parson beinge owt of the Clothinge shall take any apprentice vntill he haue lycence of the maister wardens and assyst^once to thentent that none shall haue apprentice but such as be able to kepe them And it shalbe leafull for the m^r and wardens that if any be not able to kepe his apprentice or vpon other reasonable cause shall take awaye the saide apprentice and put hym to some other of the company And it is agreed that he that hath but one apprentice shall take another wⁱn one yeare before his other haue serued his yeares so that he haue lycens of the maister wardens and assystance soo to doo. Alwaies prouided that althose that haue more apprentices then is abouesaide before the making hereof shall enioye them and shall haue no more vntill they be worne owt, and they that haue but twoo apprentic^e maye take another within half a yeare before any his other apprentic^e haue serued their yeares And it is agreed that if any parson what so euer he be

Number of
appn^r to be
kept.

that shall heare after moue any matter which might sounde to the breache and vndoynge of this Article and Ordenaunce shall forfait and paye x li to be deuided as is aforesaid &c.

Also it is agreed and ordayned that euery Jorneyman being a freman in the saide company shall hereafter waite vpon the maister and wardens of the yemandry at all offerynges as well as howsholders beinge lawfully warned by the beadle vpon payne to forfait for euery tyme offendinge to the yemandris boxe hauing no reasonable excuse to the contrary vj d. And that the saide Jorneymen assone as they breake vp from the said m^r & wardens and companye doo straytewaye Repayre whome to their masters geuyng their due attendance as honest fūnt^e [servants] ought to doo And not to goo to any Tauerne alehowse or such lyke vnsemely places, and who so euer maye be proued that goith to any such place beinge no howsholder or otherwise vse hym self vnreuerently vn dishonestly or vnsemely emong^e the Company in goinge to the saide offeryng^e shall paye to the Craft^e boxe for euery tyme offendynge vj s. viij d.

Also it is ordeyned and agreed That wheare the Company haue bynne in tymes past at excessyue charg^e as well in setting owt of men and for furnytur of artillary as also in lending of mony for wheate and other thing^e and more is lyke too doo to their farther greate charge and Indympnitie, for y^t there is no mony in the howse and the hall indebt and lack^e repācons yt is therefore concluded y^t eu^{er}y howsholder keyng howse or shop being a brother or free of the same company shall paye vnto y^e Craft^e boxe foure shilling^e by the yeare that is to saye euery quarter xij d. for the which saide iiij s. qzterly to be paide the saide company in tyme to come may be discharged for Setting owt men, lendyng of mony and such lyke charg^e and of all Charg^e that maye happen to be leuied of the saide company, Provided alwaies that the saide quarterage shall contene so longe to be paide as the whole Body of the Company shall thynke mete and conuenient cause to y^e contrary.

Also it is ordered and agreed that none of the saide fellowship shall lydd or foote any stone pott^e with pewter Excepte the same lydd^e be substancially and workmanly wrought accordinge to example nowe Remayning in the hall And if any lidd^e be founde fawtie it shalbe

Stone pot
Lids.

leafull to the maister and wardens for the tyme being to breake the same lidd℄ in whose hand℄ so euer they maye be founde, and the makers to paye for euery lidd so found fawty a j.d. to the Craft℄ boxe and shall make good the same pott℄ lidd℄ substancially to the owners at their owne Charg℄ ouer and besides the ffyne.

Quarts &
Pints.

Also it is agreed that none of the felowship shall make any tankerd quart℄ nor tankerd pynt℄ nor to sell of those kynd of pott℄ for any mony or otherwise but only the therdendale and half therdendale accordinge to the Lawes and constituçõn of this Citie. [See Order of Court of Aldermen, 29th April, 1563, page 234.] And also the pot called the brode pynt And that no holowaremen shall make any pott℄ of Just quart℄ or pynt℄ for ale & beare measure but only the stope pottell the greate stope quart and the greate stope pynt, and the greate pynt with the Brode Bottam the greate English pottell the greate English quarte and the greate English pynt and none other. And as for tauerne ware to make them according to the assice and as by exsample remaynyng in owre hall And who so euer offendeth to the contrary and true meanyng heareof shalbe comitted to the warde there to remayne vntill he haue payde xl s. for euery tyme offending the one moitie of which forfaiture to be to the Chaumbrayne of london and the other moitie to the Craft℄ boxe.

Old pewter.

Also it is agreed that none of the saide company whatsoever he be shall sell at his stall or ell℄ wheare any olde vessell that haue byne chaunged or bought owtright for any mony vpon payne to forfaiture and paye for euery tyme offending to the Craft℄ boxe xl s.

Also it ordeyned and agreed that no parson of the saide company shall serue in any mans howse as a scollian* to the yll fame and slaunder of the company neither in the lorde mayo^{rs} howse nor in the Shreuis nor other, nor yet to scow^r or amend any uessel but at home at his owne dwellyng howse. And who so euer shall happen to do contrary to this ordenaunce shall forfaiture and paye to the Craft℄ boxe for euery tyme offendynge xl s.

Also it is agreed according to agrement made by the lorde mayo^r and courte of aldermen the xxvth day of January 1563 that there shalbe

* This word is crossed out and "Labourer" written above in a later hand.

made tankerd quartē and tankerd pyntē playne w^t one hoope aboute and another hope at the ffoote and no other hoopes vpon those kynd pottē.

An order for
saucers
1572.

Also it is ordered that all petty sawcers through out the whole Company shalbe before Candelmas nexte called in & not vttered to be solde to any person or persons not vnder foure poundes weight the dosen or thereaboutē vpon payne of forfaiture of all suche saucers as from thenceforth shalbe made contrary to this Ordinaunce any other ordinaunce or prouiso heretofore made to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstandinge.

1564-5. ¶ At the same Court [26th January] the m^r Shewed vnto all the assystaunce being then present That the honorable Richarde mallerie lorde mayo^r of London dyd send for hym and the ij wardens to dynner emonge other Companyes. And they seing the saide other companies vppon their volantarie willē in the name of all their whole comia^ltie did gratifie the saide Lorde mayo^r w^t their good willē in certayne S^ms of monye. Whervppon the m^r and wardens did also gratifie the saide Lorde mayo^r in the name of the whole companye w^t iiij Rialle of golde considering his paynes in hearing their matters. wherfore yt is agreed by the assystaunce that the saide iiij Rialle of golde being xl s. shoulde be borne and discharged by the howse owt of the Craftē Boxe. These being at the same agrement Maister myllē mr Edwarde Reo and wiffm Loton wardens m^r Daye m^r Rowlandson m^r woodowce m^r Curtes m^r Gerie m^r allyn m^r Turner m^r Scott.

This was a Christmas gift. See the entry in the Accounts below, p. 250.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [9th February] by the m^r wardens & assystaunce yt was agreed that vppon Considera^on that m^r warden had certayne mony in his handē Receyved vppon burialle and such lyke casuall Receiptē there shoulde bee a Shroving dynner made in the hall for the whole clothing whervppon Thomas Nicolle and John Cacher were chosen stewardē for the same dynn. And it was also agreed that they shoulde haue owt of the Craftē Boxe more in mony tenne shillinge.

Shrove-tide was the Carnival before Lent.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [2nd August] by the m^r wardens and assystaunce it was agreed that Nicholas Bodam the beadle shoulde

haue from hensforth for his wage and yearely Salarie the S^m of ffoure pounde And also to haue for wasshing the Crafte naperie yearely xiijs. iiij d. Also it was agreed that the saide N Bodam shall haue allowed at the maisters dynner a Boyled capon or a cock, half a goose half a pike half a pie half a Custerde a Rabbet a dishe of Sturgeon twoo cast^e of Breade and a gallond of drink, and lykewise shall haue the same allowaunce at the yemandries dynner also.

¶ At the same Courte it was also agreed that Edmunde browne the Clarck, shall haue allowed hym at the m^r Dynner half a goose, a Rabbet, half a custerde, a pastie, or a pie, twoo cast^e of Breade, and a gallond of ale, and to be amended at the m^r and wardens discession, and lykewise shall haue the same allowaunce at the yemandries dynner also.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [29th August] by the m^r wardens and assystaunce there was warning Geven to Richarde harrisson that ffrom hensforth he shoulde Gylde no more any Tynne Except it be a Tryfell to geue awaye to his ffrende and well proved to be geven awaye. And in lyke mann^r Robert Somers hadd warning that he shoulde Gilde no more, which both pties haue made promis never to gilde any Tynne agayne, Except it be as is aforesaide for a Tryfell to geue awaye.

An order for setting owt to hier new ware.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [24th September] by the moost parte of all the whole Body of the Company it was agreed and ordayned that ffrom hensforth no mann^r of pson of the saide Company shall put owt to hier any mann^r of newe vessell being wrought ware to no pson vppon payne to fforfayte and paye for every tyme so lettinge owt to hier any such ware being wrought and duely proved to the Crafte Boxe ffyve pounde wthowt any ffavo^r.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [11th October] for certayn worde w^{ch} John bowlting spake vnto m^r Curtes it was agreed to be written for Remembruⁿce to be determened the next Court daye w^{ch} worde was as folowith Sayth bowltinge I pceyue youe are a greate mayntayner of yo^r brother, and I haue agood occasion to haue an Accoⁿ of mayntenⁿce agaynst youe, but youe haue ruled a greate while, I praye god youe haue not governed to longe and that the Company haue not occasion to Cursse youe for yo^r government.

¶ At the same Courte at the Ernest Request of John boultinge for his vnsemy worde spoken to m^r Curtes in the fface of the whole Courte desired to haue an ende of the same matter, Yt was agreed that the saide boultinge shoulde in the presence of all the company desire m^r Curtes to be good vnto hym and that he is sorie for that he hathe saide, and that the saide boltinge shoulde from hensforth take the saide m^r Curtes for his better, and so euer hereafter to be lovers and ffrende^e w^{ch} was donne and all for geuen.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [13th Decem^{ber}] Wiltm wood Complayned agaynst m^r nogaye for that he w^hholdethe a swage from hym and when the same wood cam for it the saide m^r Nogaye called hym knave and saide he wolde beate hym from his Stall w^t a kekill Yt was agreed and order taken by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that the saide m^r nogaye shoulde paye vnto the saide wood forthwith for his swage so moche monye as he paide for the same w^{ch} was xvij d. and so they are agreed.

¶ Itm Rs of Edwarde Dickinson for one quarter Rent for ow^r howse called the Aungell in themistreat due at mydsomer Anno Dñi 1565

iiij li. xv s.

¶ Itm pd for the hier of my lorde howards Barge . . . xxxvj s. viij d.

Lord Howard was a honorary liveryman of the Company. See p. 225.

¶ Itm pd for iiij ell^e of Blewe sarsnet to make ij Stremers . . . xxxj s.

¶ Itm pd for vj yards ði of grenecloth to make a carpet and xij Coshins xxix s.

¶ Itm pd to the Paynter for making and workmanshipp of the twoo Stremers, collering [colouring] of the stremer Staff^e and trym^{ing} the Cosshins [escutcheons] w^t the Armes of the craft . . . iiij li. iij s.

¶ Itm pd for viij oz of ffreng^e of yelow^e and grene silke for o^r Stremers ix s. iiij d.

¶ Itm pd for corde to staye the stremers in the barge and for goodman bodams botether to lambethe . . . iiij d.

¶ Itm pd for a hammer and a chesell and mending the Brode Arowhedd to saye the Tynne . . . iij s. iiij d.

¶ Itm pd to a Screvener for writing ow^r corparaçõn in pchment in Englishe . . . viij s.

- Itm** pd for the helving of a Sledge to saye tynne w^t all ij d.
- Itm** pd and spent the xvij daye of novemb^r when we went to vewe a fying howse xvij d.
- Itm** geven to the lorde mayo^r at christmas as it was agreed by the assystaunce xls.
- Itm** pd for o^r botelier and mr Cosworth to westminster when we went to speake w^t the lorde of loughborow viij d.
- Itm** pd to Thomas nicolls and John Cacher towards the making of a Shroving dynner allowed by y^e howse xs.
- Itm** pd to m^r Bromley for his councell concerning o^r howse at Londonstone and for writing o^r deedes for the same xxvj s. viij d.
- Itm** pd vnto xij Boyes at the taking of the possession xij d.

The boys' services were engaged to "beat the bounds" of the premises under the direction of the Company's Beadle.

- Itm** pd vnto m^r Alderman Champion the daye of in the way of lone to buye whete and Rie for the Citie xxv li.
- Itm** pd vnto Bonyface ffoster and Thomas Eveley for the purchase of ow^r howse at londonstone wherein Richarde mannyng dwelleth xxxix li.
- Itm** spent the xxvj daye of June at the white lyon at the guilde hall Court when we gaue o^r attendaunce to haue o^r deede enrolled of mannyng^e howse xiiij d.
- In** p^mis we doo alowe vnto the saide m^r and wardens for wood and cole more then the xvj s. allowed by the howse the S^m of vj s. viij d. by Reason of the greate ffrost^e and long Setting in the hall abowt the crafts busines So that we fynde to moche demaunded for wood & cole v s. vj d.

1565-6. **@t** the same Courte [11th January] m^r warden Allyn Complayned agaynst m^r Loton John Swenerton water stokton and John malton for that they all geve his touche contrary to the ordenaunce.

@t the same Courte [20th February] Raphe straye for that he occu-
pieth not the craft hadd Lycence to take another prentis & hath pd ij s.

At the same Courte [18th March] John Cacher complayned agaynst John Jackson for procuring awaye the Sarving of the Drapers hall, w^{ch} the said Cacher hathe vsually Sarved. Also the saide Jackson dyd let them a grose of newe spones and a doꝛ of newe Saltꝛ.

At the same Courte [8th May] for matter in varience betwene Peter kilborne and Richarde warde for the Touche of the hamer and the crowne w^{ch} of them shoulde geue it, it shalbe determyned the nexte Courte Daye.

At the same Courte [17th June] yt was agreed that Richarde warde shoulde geue the Toche of the hammer and the crowne for that his wif sometyme the wif of wilm hartwell did geue the same before, and that the saide Richarde warde shall geue vnto peter kilborne Towardꝛ the graving of a newe marcke xij d.

At the same Courte [17th August] yt was agreed by the whole assistaunce that ffrom hensforth there shoulde yerelye at the eleccon of the saide m^r and wardens be chosen a Rentor to gather the craftꝛ Rentꝛ and to paye all manⁿ of charge going owt of the saide Rentꝛ belonging to the saide Companye, and the same Rentor alwaies when he is chosen to be one of the assistaunce and to set in Courte. And the same Rentor for the tyme being shalbe Comptable vnto the young^r warden and to make a Just accompt aswell of the Receiptꝛ as paymentꝛ and to bring in the Remyne (if there be any) alwais before mighelmas wherby the young^r warden maye make vp his accompte. And for the yere next coming Thomas Eliot is chosen Rentor.

This resolution was rescinded in December, 1569. See page 263.

At a Courte holden the same daye [19th August] beinge the maisters dynner daye only for the matter in varience betwene John Mathewe and John Barker before the Company went to churche the saide John mathewe and John Barker in the presence of all the whole Clothinge hadd their hoodꝛ Taken from them for their evill demeano^r the one to the other at Chensforde [Chelmsford] faire; And so was dismissed of the clothinge yet they were bothe Contented to abyde the order and determynacō of the saide m^r, wardens and clothinge, wherevpon

they were put aparte, and vpon theyre gentill Submission and knowledging their offence. Yt was ordayned and agreed by the saide m^r wardens and the rest of the clothinge that either of them shoulde paye in the name of a ffyne to the craft^e Boxe ij s. vj d. apece, and to be restored to their hoodes and felowshipp of the clothing agayne, for this tyme.

¶ At the same Courte yt was agreed by the whole clothinge that ffrom hensforth, if any of the clothing doo happen to mysyse themselfe, the one to the other otherwise then lyke honest and Syvell men, or become dronkerde, Brawlers or suche vnsemely demeano^r to the infamie and slaunder of the Companye he or they that so vseth hymself and being thereof convict shalbe banished the clothinge and Company for euer.

¶ And it is farther agreed [4th September] that no pson in the Company shall sell any kynde of white ware to any other pson that dothe entend to Retaile the same agayne to the sellers knowledge except it be to a pewterer, vpon the lyke payne [of 5*l.*].

The term "white ware" seems to indicate pewter as opposed to the "yellow" metals, brass and latten. (See entry of 23rd September, 1568, p. 259.)

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [10th October] by the whole Body of the Company wedowe Slack complayned agaynst John mearse for the Sm^e of xx s. wth he owith her. and he confessed the same. wherevpon m^r Reo hath promysed to paye of the same forthwith vnto the saide wedowe v^s. Withm Readman v^s John Cacher v^s. and Thomas Cacher v s. and so the wedowe is paide. And it is ordered and agreed that the saide John mearse shall worke vnto the saide pties so mucche in workmanship of ware as their monie shall amount vnto at the will and pleasuer of the saide pties.

¶ At the same Courte [12th December] Gabriell hill, hughe colliers man, and Peter Tollerton m^r Reos apprentis were bothe sent vnto warde for that they consettered to gether to haue Ronne awaye, and had Enbaseled certayne patrons and Toolles of their maisters good^e.

¶ At a Court holden the same daye [20th December] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce there was agreement and order taken that from

hensforthe there shoulde be geven to the Lord mayo^r of London for the tyme beinge ffor Benyvotence in the name of all the whole Companye ffortie shillinge. Provided alwaies if the saide Lorde mayo^r doo gratifie the m^r and wardens w^t a spone or any other thinge the same to be and Remayne vnto the Hall. And it is agreed that this order shall conteneue vntill the whole assistaunce shall think convenyent cause to the contrarie.

J^m R^s ffor Certayne Tynne which m^r Mills, m^r Reo, and Wiffm loton Did take the last yeare fforffayte that is to saye ij ffalse Blocke of Tynne weyinge iiij C iiij qz vj lb being praysed at ffftie shillinge the C amounte vnto xij li. more ij other blocke of ffalse Tynne weying v C di viij th praysed at xxxvij s. iiij d. the C amounte vnto x li v s. iiij d. S^m of Both amounte vnto xxij li vs. iiij d.

J^m R^s of the hands of Robert younge for the gifte and bequest of S^r peter warrisson clerk towarde the making of a Standing Cupp iiij li.

J^m R^s the xxiiij day of march 1565 for vntoched ware ij s.

J^m R^s the xvijth daye of June for vntoched ware iij s. iij d.

Charges for setting owt of twoo Soldyers as maye appeare by a presept sent vnto the Company from the lorde mayo^r the xviiij day of Julye Anno Dⁿⁱ 1566, the right honorable Richarde Champion then beinge Lorde mayo^r which soldiers were sent to Ireland. S^m vli iij s. viij d.

J^m pd the xxx daye of novemb^r to the prayzers of the exchequer for their paynes taking in praying the fforffayte Tynne vj s. viij d.

J^m pd to m^r Alderman Rowe for the Benyvotence of the Company towarde the newe intended Bursse agreed at a Courte of assys- taunce xls.

The Livery Companies liberally contributed to Sir Thomas Gresham's project for erecting a Burse or Exchange, as a meeting-place for London merchants. The building was opened by the Queen in 1571.

J^m pd to the Bargemen to drinke because they did Rowe so lustelie at the clothinge desire iiij d.

1566-7. *At* the same Courte [29th January] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that there shoulde be a dynner kept for the buriall of m^r John Daye for the whole Clothing and their wif^e to be made in o^r hall the iiijth daye of ffebruarie next and m^r Daye hath geven toward^e the same dynner in monie iijli And it is agreed that the assistaunce and their wif^e shall paye xij d. a man and the rest of the clothinge xvj d. a man. So there is chosen steward^e for the same dynner Roger ffarthing and John Bowlling.

At the same Courte [21st February] Thomas Nicoll^e payde in the name of a ffyne for that he came not to powles to wayte vpon the Lorde mayo^r the three ffestyvall vsuall daies having lawfull warning and also for being absent at the buriall of m^r Turner the S^m of iiij s.

Taken [20th March] of a Tynkerde a beame of Latten made in Jemris called a Stomara.

Taken [21st April] of Robert wright of the Bank^e side, one Salt gilt, iiij white pec^e, ij gilte pec^e and ij casters.

Taken [same date] of Thomas glenton in Tow^rstreate iiij stone pott^e Lydded w^t fflaunders Lidd^e.

James Taberner was called before the Court [14th May] ffor that he hathe ffalslie and deceptfull^ye wrought the knopps of xxvj^t still^e and filled the same knopps w^t leade contrarie to the true order of making of them . . . And for the Trespas that he nowe hathe done his marcke is taken from hym which heretofore was admitted hym, and that he nowe shall haue a marck w^t a doble ff, for that this is not the first tyme that he hathe trespassed in the Companye.

Richard Bayte [shall pay] from hensforthe [5th June] yearely vnto the Company ij s. [for his 'dueties.'] that is to saye to the clothing xij d. vnto the yemandrie vj d. vnto the Beadle iiij d. and to the clarcke ij d.

At a Courte holden the same daye [18th June] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce yt was agreed that there shoulde be geven a lycence vnder the Seale of the howse vnto Wiffm marshall, Robert hewet and John Thomas of maydstone pewterers for the Execuconⁿ and disabolishing all hawkers for any manner of mettall wⁱⁿ kent and Sussex and ell^e wheare

as they shall haue occasion, So that they be bounde vnto the companye in one hundrethe pounde that they shall not doo anything contrary to the lawes and Statute of this Realme nor doo any other act whereby it might be hurtfull vnto the Companye.

At the same Courte yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistance that Edwarde watson of newe castle shoulde be admitted in to the company and hathe paide all the duties due vnto the companye for all thinge vntill mighelmas next w^{ch} was xijs. that is to saye viijs. to the m^r and iiij s. to the yemandrie. And father it is agreed that the saide watson shoulde haue a Testymoniall wth the Seale of the howse that he is a freeman and pewterer of london, and that o^r trade is to buye and sell all manⁿ of mettall.

The claim "to buy and sell all manner of metal" is a wide interpretation of the Company's trade that would not commend itself to the Goldsmiths', Armourers' and Braziers', Ironmongers', Blacksmiths', and other Companies.

At a Courte holden the same daye [21st July] by the m^r, wardens and mooste parte of the whole felowshipp Yt was agreed that Edwarde Reo shall not from hensforthe betaken as one of the assistance neither yet to haue his place as he hadd before but to be as a Brother of the Companye and that his marcke shalbe taken owt of the hall, and maister Gerie to haue his marcke set vpp In the same place.

From this it appears that it was a privilege of the Assistants to have their "marks" set up in the Hall.

The following extract from the City Records is found in Letter Book V, fol. 113.—*Martis* xxij^{do} die Julii Anno nono (Elizabethæ Reginae) predicto *Item* it was this day ordered by the courte here for diuerse good causes & consideracons especially movinge the same, that the hole company and incorporacons of the pewterers of this Cyttye shall enter into bonde to the Chamberlyn of this Cyttye in the some of D^{li} vnder ther Comen Seale to be indorsed with condycion that if they or there successors doe not at any tyme hereafter make or cause to be made amonge themselves at there comen hall or any other place or places whatesoeuer any maner of lawe acte constitucon or ordynaunce contrary

or repungnant to any clause article braunche or sentence of the Acte of parliament made Anno xix^{no} Henrici Septimi Capit. vij^{mo} concernynge the makinge of statutes by bodies incorporate within any cyty Bourowghe or Towne corporate wⁱⁿ this Realme nor lymytt shall or appoint a generaltie amonge themselves any maner of price or prices in certentie of eny manner of kinde or sorte of their vessells or other wares whatsoever whiche they doe comenlie vtter and sell or put to sale but doe levie [allow] everie person and psons of ther said Companie at his and ther frewill and libertie to vtter and sell his goods and wares as he and they biers therof can reasonable agree among them selves That then the said bonde to be voide and of none effecte. And the Wardeyns of the said Companie haue this daie Seuennight to be here again for the accomplishment therof.

At a Courte holden the same daye [22nd September] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce, for that the assistaunce is worne awaye they haue taken in to their assistaunce, Robert chawno^r, Wiltm Readman, Thomas Burton, and John Cacher.

M^d there is Remayning in the howse of fynne forfayte mettall taken this yeare xxix li praised at v d. the pounce xij s. j d. more in Triffills & xiiij bottells done w^t corse flaunders mettall xiiij tli at ij d. the pounce ij s. iiij d., more in flaunders mettall weing xxxiiij li at iij d. the pounce viij s. vj d., more a Tynkerde beame xij d. Sum of all xxiiij s. xj d. whereof the Quenes mat^{tie} is to be answered the one moitie.

Item R^s of Nicholas bodam for one whole yeares Rent due at midsomer
1567 xiiij s. iiij d.

Nicholas Bodam was the Company's Beadle, and from 1560 had been tenant of a house adjoining the Hall in Lime Street.

Charges in the parlyament for the Sute agaynst the occupying of Stone pott^e agreed by the assistaunce.

The total expense was 3*l.* 1*s.*, of which at least 2*s.* was expended in gifts to the Speaker and others.

Item for half a C xxiiij foote of borde to make a newe dore going in to the yarde by the well in o^r hall iiij s. vj d.

Charge at mydsomer for the watche according to a presept sent by the lorde mayo^r.

This was for the Marching Watch. The total payments amount to 18s. for cressets, straw-hats, escutcheons, and two gallons of "ale for the pore men."

Item pd for the charge of m^r Reo and hughe Colliers prentice at Brydewell and in the Counter vjs. ij d.

Bridewell was the City prison for incorrigible apprentices.

Item pd to Shepperd the sponemaker for that was geuen hym of charitie towardē the losse of his Spones iiij s.

Item pd to the goldsmith for silver put to the Cupp w^{ch} S^r peper [Sir Peter Warryson] gaue to the hall for the knopp weing ij oz di a quarter [2¾ oz.] price xiijs. iiij d.

Item for making and gilding of the same knopp xs.

Item for Graving & Enameling the armes of y^e craft in y^e same iij s. iiij d.

Item pd to Roger ffarthing over and aboue the lvjs. iiij d. w^{ch} was loste of m^r Ashlins buriall to buye the damaske tableclothe and ij doꝛ of damaske napkins xxxs. iiij d.

Item pd for a Case to put S^r peters Cupp in vjs. viij d.

Item pd for mony spent by Thomas Elyot Renter-warden for ij tymes abowt the Reentrie made by hym for the Rent of the Aungell and for making a quittance ijs. vj d.

Item pd to Sargeaunt Gefferie for his Councell abowt the Aungell vs.

Item pd for the charge of Thomas Eliot & bodams going downe to Southfite to m^r Sidley to tender his Rent for the aungell w^{ch} he Refused to receyue ijs. iiij d.

Item pd for a potle and a pynt of Sack to put in to the botle w^{ch} was sent to m^r Sidley xij d.

Charge layde owt for the answering of Edwarde Reo when he brought the Company before the Lorde mayo^r 1567.

Item pd the xv of Julye for o^r dynner at the bull hed in chepe that daye we went to guilde hall abowt m^r Reos matter to appeare

before the lorde mayo^r and Court of aldermen where we sat from viij vntill xij of the clock wayting when we shoulde be call for and was not iiij s. x d.

Itm pd for o^r dynner at the popes hedd in lomb^rtstreat the xvij of July y^t daye we being before the Courte of aldermen for E. Reos matter vj s. ij d.

Itm pd for the acknowledg of a Recognisaunce where the m^r wardens and iij of the assystaunce were bounde in xlth apece for to appere at every Court of aldermen vntill the matter were ended xij s.

Itm pd to mr Towne clarck for the Copie of Edwarde Reos bill of complaynt & the coppie of o^r Recognisaunce iiij s. iiij d.

Itm pd for o^r dynner at the kingshed the xxij daye of Septem^br w^{ch} daye Edward Reo and Somers was sent for to a court of assistaunce in o^r hall vj s.

The expenses of the controversy with Edward Reo, who was removed from the Court of Assistants (p. 255) and probably made complaint of this to the Court of Aldermen, amounted to rather more than four pounds. The statement consists of 14 items, including the five immediately above.

1567-8. **Gabriell Spencer** is lycensed to open Shopp the xijth day of february 1567 and hath paid therefore iiij s. iiij d. His m^r Robt Hustwaith hath made Report of his substaunce xx ^{li} mks.

Another apprentice who was licensed at the same Court was reported to be worth 40 marks.

At a Courte holden the same day [18th March] by the m^r wardens and Assistentes Mabell Conewey dwelling in Horsehed Aley Saith about a fortnight ago that Roger Isad his man cam home to her house to one Mother Jone wth a dosen of Sawcer^e The said Mabell demaunded of the said Isad^e man May this woman go about to sell these Sawcer^e yea mary said the felowe my m^r will warant her. The said Mother Jone saith she hath solde for the same Roger Isad about a vj dosen And for George Sarples and Thom^s Jonson iij or iiij dosen a pece The Said Jone hathe solde and began to sell aboute a moneth ago these Sawcers^e She p^d for eu^{ry} dosen ij s. vj d. And sold them for ij s. viij d. And iiij s. a dosen to her frende.

At the same Courte [7th May] it was agreed that the Goodman Bodham shall haue no more libertie of the garden nor hall vntill the Company se farther Cause Nor that there shalbe no more weddinge kept in the Hall.

At a Courte holden the same daye [17th June] by the m^r wardens and Assistentē it was agreed that Jo Atkeys should put away a Boy named Jo Jonson whom he hath bound by the statute of wynchester Betwene this and mychelmas next at the farthest.

See p. 234 for the provisions of the Statute of Winchester.

At a Courte holden the same day [7th August] by the m^r wardens and assistentē It was agreed That where there dothe lacke Assistentē to be associated wth The Assistentē nowe and to Sit in Courte It is ordered that it shalbe leafull for The M^r wardens and Assistentē to take in one of the younger Clothinge at their plesure to be vpper warden and to supply the rome thereof And to be taken as vpper warden for that yere As well as one that hath ben warden hertofore Alwais Provided and it is agreed that when he hath supplied the whole yere of the Said wardenship He shall not go ne sitte in place before any other of the Company That haue byn warden before hym But in order as a younger wardē As hath heretofore byn don That is to say as a last chosen younger warden.

At the same Courte it was also agreed that if it chaunce any one man to be Chosen to be warden and haue not borne the office of M^r nor warden of the yeomanry he shall pay suche fyne to the house as shalbe Judged by the M^r wardens and Assistentē for the same office.

At the same Courte [23rd September] it was agreed by the whole Company that there shoulde Be no spones made of Bras or latten or any yelow metall vppon payne that if any pson hereafter be found that he doth make any suche spones shall forfeyt and pay for euery spone iij s. iiij d. The said Spones were lately Invented by John God And he hath confessed he hath made but iij dosen one dosen he hath solde to one at Algate And an other Stranger hath bought one other dosen And the third dosen the Goodman of the Castell in wood strete must haue them And if there be found any more of the same Godē making He shall pay for euery Spone iij s. iiij d.

At the same Courte [13th December] it was agreed to aunswere M^r Aldeman Heyward Concerning the Sale of the Angell as foloweth ffirst he shall pay for the Companies Interest xliiij li And shall saue the Company harmles from M^r Sydley and all other psons for any thinge that the Company shall happen to do Concerning the said Sale of their Interest of w^{ch} xliiij li there must be paid by M^r Sydley for quyt Rent, iij li.

J^m pd for the hiar of a Barge to westminster a drome player, Russhes and wifflynge Staffe xxviijs. iij d.

J^m pd to Bodam for his paynes attendinge vppon the saide men as a wyffeler xij d.

This was at the Midsummer Watch. The duty of the wifflers was to clear the way as an advanced guard in front of the pageant. Bodam was the Company's Beadle.

J^m pd at the guilde hall when the company was discharged of their Recognysaunce for m^r Reos matter ij d.

J^m pd for ij C di of nayles spent in the garret abowt the makinge of the wyndowes and the frame to hang vpp the harnes xij d. ob.

J^m pd for viij ells of Canvas to hang abowt the frame of the harnes and ouer for dust v s.

J^m pd for one morrispike xvj d.

J^m pd to Abraham hartwell Scoller of Cambridge towarde the buying of his Bookes agreed by assistaunce xx s.

J^m pd and layde in to the Quenes ma^{ty} lotterie xl s.

The Corporation, the Livery Companies, and the Merchant Adventurers' Company were invited to take part in this lottery. The scheme was new to the citizens, and its purpose was to raise money for the repair of harbours and for various public objects.

J^m pd to John Sherwyn for the debt of Edward loton for the whiche all his Tooles lyeth in the hall vppon a Bill of Sale xv li.

J^m pd to Abraham hartwell Scoller of cambridge for one half yeares exebicion due at mydsomer 1568 x s.

- Jfm** pd to a gardener for bynding vp the arber and Roses in the garden for one daye xvj d.
- Jfm** pd for half a yarde and half a qztr & a naile of Redd Crymson velvet for the m^r & wardens garlande xvj s. viij d.
- Jfm** pd to m^r Tailebushe Goldsmithe for the making of the Armes of the crafte and the Scochins that be abowt the same Garlande and so the olde Scochins and pendaunts are altered xvij s.
- Jfm** pd to m^r Tybballs man of the Exchequier for his paynes taking for the Coming for the Quenes mony wch the howse doth owe and we had counsell not paye it as yet by m^r Secretary of the Counter xij d.
- Jfm** pd to m^r Tyball Receyvo^r of the Quenes mony in the Exchequier for mony due vnto the quene as maye appeare by his Quittaunce
xj li. xvj s. iiij d.
- Jfm** more I aske allowaunce for the Bakinge of Custerde and Tartes owt of the howse at the same [the Master's] dynner for that the Ovens were broken iiij s.
- Jfm** pd to Nicholas bodam for liij dayes takinge paynes abowt the saide worke over and above the L^s [50s.] he owith to the howse agreed at the Courte of assistaunce x s.
- This payment was for superintending repairs to the Company's property. Bodam the Beadle, notwithstanding his somewhat varied sources of income, seems to have been constantly in low water.
- Jfm** more lent vnto bodam for that he ought the saide x s. for rent of his howse and so was wthowt monye, agreed by the saide Courte w^{ch} he nowe owith to the howse the Smⁿ of xx s.

1568-9. **At** a Courte holden the first daye of Apriell 1569 in the Eleventh yeare of the Raigne of ow^r Sovereigne Lady Quene Elizabeth etc^r by the maister wardens assistaunce and moost parte of the whole clothinge yt was agreed and ordayned that all howsholders of the yemandrie shall wayte vppon the maister & wardens of the yemandrie to all offeringe and buriat^te as they haue done in tymes past, And whosoeuer shall happen to offend and doo not come when they are warned, wthowt a Reasonable excuse shall paye for euery time iiij d. And also yt is agreed that all Jorneymen

shall also wayte vpon the m^r & wardens at all offeringe if they canne Convenyently goo vpon Lycence of their maister Provided alwaies that all suche psonnes as haue the almas of the Company and be very pore men suche as the m^r & wardens of the yemandrie shall thinke be not able to geue their offeringe shall from tyme to tyme be Remytted for not goinge to offeringe and buriatle so that the same pore men be alwaies from tyme to tyme nomynated and set downe herevnder what they are that be Remytted. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

At a Courte holden the same day [27th May] by the m^r wardens and Assistent^e George Hawkyn Citezen and Pewterer of London was Sworne and admitted to be Clerke of the Pewterer^e Hall.

At the same Courte [23rd June] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and Assistent^e That these psons hervnder mentioned [14 names follow.] shalbe taken into the Clothinge and eu^{er}y man to pay besides his sponne xx s. a pece toward^e the making of a window mete for the Clerke to sit and write at and to lay his Bookes.

At the same Courte [9th September] it was agreed that the yeomanries dynner shalbe s^pared acc^oding to auncient Custome The monday next after michelmas daye.

At the same Courte [28th November], holden by the maister wardenes and assistance, their was brought vnto them a precepte, directed one the parte and behalfe of our soueraigne ladie the qwenes maiestie, from Alexsaundre Avenon, lorde Maior of the cite of London, by vertue and authoritie wherof, their shoulde be sufficientlie furnyshed Twentye men, as expeditlie as might be possible, to be appointed and armed as Sowldiors into the Northe partes of this realme, againste the two rebellious rebels, the Earles of Westmlande and Norththumberlande; Eache of w^{ch} Souldiares to be apparelled in Jerkynes and gallye breeches of broade clothe of coloure watchet, and euerie one a Calliuer, wth flasket and tuchebox, a Morryan, a sworde, and a dagger, and xij d. a peece for their preste money; wherevpon, it was agreed by the saide m^r wardens and assistance, that the whole companye shalbe sessed and to be levied the some of lx li. that is to saye of the Clothinge xl li, and of the yeomanrye xx li.

These twenty men were not immediately called out, but the Company was ordered to store their arms and accoutrements at Pewterers' Hall, and have them in readiness for immediate use at one hour's notice after receipt of a further precept from the Lord Mayor. This precept came in on 1st March, and the men were sent off to the North at a total cost to the Company of 78*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* The two earls raised a revolt against the Queen, and proclaimed their design of restoring the old religion. They overran the northern counties, but were speedily defeated by the Royal forces under the Earl of Sussex.

¶ a courte houlden the same daye [2nd December], it was agreed that m^r Warden Mathewe for that m^r Burton, who was Renter is deade, shall geather the rente for the companye as the Rentors haue done heretofore: And finallie it was as then decreed that the younger wardeine from thensfourthe to doo the like, and that therebe no more Renters chosen.

¶ the same courte it was agreed, that if any of the companye shoulde be hereafter called to beare thoffice of the younger warden, and hathe neuer borne office in the yomandrie before, shall paye to the craftes boxe iiii li.

On 30th December the Court considered the case of Francis Bawdwyn who had several times robbed John Collier his master both of goods and money. Having confessed his guilt, he was whipped there and then in open court.

The heading of the account for this year is subjoined as a specimen of the style then used. It may be compared with that for the year 1451-2, printed on page 15.

This is the accompte of m^r William Mills Maister of the Misterie of Pewterers of the Citie of London Thomas Nogay and Robert Chawner wardens of the same Crafte or Mistery from the feaste of Saint Michaell tharchaugell In the yere of our Lorde God one thowsande ffyue hundrethe thre score and eighte vnto the said ffeaste of Saint Michaell the Archangell in the yere of our lorde god one thousand fyue hundreth thre score and nyne And in the eleuenth yere of the Reigne of our souereigne lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England ffrance

and Irland Defendor of the ffaith &c That is to say for one whole yere complete And is for all S^ms of money by us receyued had paid and deliuered with other Implemente as may appere by this accompte as followethe.

J^m pd vnto the Goodwif Broune the xxjth day of May Towarde the Buriall of her Husband x s.

Goodwife Brown was the widow of the Company's excellent Clerk who died this year.

1569-70. **¶** And it was agreed [16th March] that Hugh Colyers rose and crowne shalbe made lesser as m^{rs} Haiselles is, by cause none hathe so greate, but the qwenes maiestie.

¶ At the same daie [14th April], Thomas wilshere complayned vppon Michell Thompson dwellinge at Sainte Mary Axe, for that he thretened him wth approbrious wordes saienge thou art a knaue and I will dresse the like a knaue, wth other thretninge wordes so that the saide wilshere saithe he is a fraide of his life, whervppon, it was agreed, that Thompson shulde be sent for the next courte daie.

¶ At a courte houlden the same daie [5th July], it was ordered and decreed, that for asmuche as m^r Hardinge paid for the weddinge of his maide kepte in this haulle, the some of v s, that likewise the saide haule shalbe lett out for suche as shall marrye, beinge well adiudged of by the m^r and wardaines for the tyme beinge, to be honeste and discrete, shall paie for the hier of the haule at euerie suche tyme v s., And moreouer euerie suche persone so requiringe the saide haule, at euerie tyme shall paie to the Beadle, for his paines in that be halfe taken, the some of Twentie pence.

¶ And it is further agreed that whereas Thomas Smackergill was couenaunte servante wth John Holstocke, that he shalbe sett at libertie, after he hath serued the said John Holstocke, duringe and vntill the laste daie of Awgust next ensuinge. So alwayes prouided that the said John Holstocke, do well and trulie paie him his waiges w^{ch} then shalbe due, fynde him meate drincke & all other thinges necessarye, and then the saide Thomas to paie his saide maister for all suche castinge mouldes as he heretofore hath rec^d of him.

It was also agreed at the same courte [14th July], that Humfrie ffrauncis, pewterer of Abington, shall haue a license from the companye for one yere, to dele wth Hawkers accordinge to the lawes of this realme, that is to saie, Barkshere, Oxfordshere, Wilshere, and Glocest'shere, and to be bounde in C ti, to dele vprightly and trulie wherby the companye shall sustayne no reproche by his so dealinge.

At a courte houlden the same daie [1st August], Raffe Carter citizen and Salter of london was admitted our Clarke to endure so longe tyme, as he shall continue a faithfull seruaunte vnto this companye: Vnto whome was deliuered the libell of the moneye, by vs put into the qwenes Maiesties Lottarie, the somer before, conteyninge the Juste some of xl s.

George Hawkyn who succeeded Edmund Browne as Clerk held that office for little more than a year, and was succeeded in turn by Ralph Carter. The minutes and accounts for the next five years present a great contrast to those so beautifully kept by Browne. Ralph Carter's style is rambling and obscure, whilst his punctuation (here faithfully followed) is based on a system which was fortunately used only by its inventor. His troublesome penmanship and method of minuting continue to the year 1575.

The matter requested [14th November] by Richarde Corbyn, for the some of Twentie shillinges, w^{ch} Arrettes wiff owed him: it is ordered, that hir apprentice shalbe solde, by thassente of the maister and wardeins, for hir mooste aduantage, and the monye redoundinge thereof to be clere discharge of the saide Corbynes dett. Prouided allwayes, that what surplusage of money, shall happen to surmounte ouer, and aboue the saide dette, by the sale of the saide apprentice, that euerye parte thereof shalbe whollye be to thonlie vse and behoufe of the same Arrettes wiff. any thinge to the contrarye not wth standinge.

It was the same daie [14th December], agreed, that noe persone ne persones, of this companie shall from hensfurthe vntill further ordre be herein taken, vtter or putto sale, eny pewter vessell, vnwroughte, of what sorte or manner soeuer they same be, to no persone, ne persones whatsoever excepte it be to suche persone, and persones, as be free, citizens, and inhabytenge wthin the citie of london. Nor colourable caste, or melte

any perselle of tynne, as properlye the goodes, of eny man, not beinge a citizen, and dwellinge wthin london, vppon payne and forfeiture in doinge the contrarie, for eu'ey hundred weighte, either putto sale, or melted (as aforesaide) tenne shillings, the moyetie to the taker, thother to the companye.

Item paide to the churche wardeins of all Sainctes, in Lomberstreete vppon the daye of our feaste. as for vsinge the Ornamentes. of the same churche. xij d. **Item** paide to the Curate. and Clarke. of the saide Churche. vppon the same daye as for their accustomed dutis viij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

Item receyued of the Collectors that ceased generallie the clothinge (at firste tyme) towards the charges of Twentie men, w^{ch} were sent into the Northe parts of this realme, against the two rebellious rebells, the Earles of Westmurlande, and Northumberlande xl ti

Memorandum, there was delyuered vnto Wittm Pryor in oulde mettall (as the goodes of the hawle) remayninge in the Garret, these remembred percels, that is to saie, a Eleven stope pottell pottes, thirtene quartes potts, and in other olde laye mettall to asmuche as all sortes added togeathers, make the in weight one hundred and a quarter, w^{ch} after iiij d. the pounce is iust xlvj s. viij d.

more (as then) there was deluyered him in oulde fyne mettalls (as goodes of the hawle) the iuste weighte of lxij li w^{ch} after v d. the pounce amountethe to the some of xxv s. x d.

Also there was delyuered him (as then) in Peake the iuste weight of twentie, eighte poundes, and so estymated worthe ij s. vj d.

Item re^c the xvj of Thomas Hawke, as for a fyne, for strickinge Tho. Mott xiiij s. iiij d.

In primus paide to a draper, for asmuche Clothe of coloure Blewe, after ffyve shillings the yarde, as apparalled the saide Twentie Souldiers, at firste tyme, : vnto the leaste of w^{ch} Jerkyns and slopps, there was two yardes and a halfe of london measures, all w^{ch} saide Twentie persones so cloothed, amounted to viij li. vj s. viij d.

- Item** paide to a draper at the seconde tyme, for ffourtene yardes of Clothe, (and of the same colloure) as clothed the rest of those whose apparrell was aswell embrasceled as wth houlden, and given, all w^{ch} amounted to iij li. x s.
- Item** paide to sundrie Tailors, at first tyme for makinge the saide Jerkins, and gallie slopps at xx d. the peece & geven to the srvaunts to drink viij d. xxxiiij s.
- Item** paide at firste tyme, for asmuche Inckell of coloure redde and blewe, as poynted the saide Jerkins and Breeches the iuste some of xij s. iij d.
- Item** paide at the seconde tyme for the ynckle and ribon w^{ch} poynted the Jerkins & slopps, then lackinge. ij s. ix d.
- Item** paide for Eleuen Swordes, servinge for the saide supplie of men, wherof eighte coste iiij s. iiij d. the peece thother three, coste iij s. the peece xliij s. viij d.
- Item** paide the saide Souldiers, after sixe pence the daie, as for their sallarie and wages, that is to saie, from the firste daie of december, vntill the Thurtie daie of the same monthe xiiij li. xs.
- Item** paide vppon the xxth daie of december, as was agreed in the little parloure, vnto xiiij Souldiers beinge Pewterers, ouer and aboute their wages v s.
- Item** paide vnto m^r Cunstable, and m^r mellawes, who were appointed as graunde Capteynes, to haue the conducte of the said souldiers, at what tyme they depa^rted from the citie of London x s.
- Item** we fynde Nicholas Boddam, is indepted to the howse, as appeareth vppon the pamphilet of the last accompt in Ann^o Dni^o 1569 xx s.

1570-1. It was also agreed [21st June], & ffullie ordered, for vniformyties sake, that from hencefurthe it shoulde not be lawfull, for none of the companye to goo home, to waite of the maister, & wardeins, euerie yere, to be ellected, and chosen, aboute the number of twelue persones, in one companye, of whiche saide number one of thassistaunce, to goe whome wth either of the wardeins, soe yerelie to be chosen, : And fynallie that therebie none of the companies wives, doe enterprice to goe home, to the newe m^r and wardeins howses, excepte they be willed or required there vnto.

A precepte was then receyued from the Lorde mayor, for sixe Cressette, lightes, to be made readye againste Midsomer evon, and also apt men to the number of sixe to beare them, and to euerie to [two] Cressettes, one bagge bearer, as also a requeste for two discrete persones, to attende vppon the saide Cressett, bearers. called wyfflers, : all w^{ch} to be readie at Leadon haule, before the houre of ix of the clock.

All the Companies took part in the great pageant of the Marching Watch, which was made ready at Leadenhall, where most of the "properties" of the City pageants were kept.

Mistres Haysell (beinge at this courte) [3rd August] was in daunger, to be fyned, for that she beinge complayned on was thoughte to haue boughte tenne peces of Tynn of m^r Alderman Bonde, wthout Cloffe. contrarie to thordynaunce of this howse: and duellie examyned was founde to be in faulte, yet because of pleadinge ignoraunce, to thordinaunce she was pardoned of the saide offence.

Roberte Collyer, (as mallapearte, as Stollida quotidie) wolde nedes [5th October] haue his pewter vessell restored to him againe, and not requested, to haue it againe, for that qd he, the matter obiected, againste me, is perdoned and ended, by the fynall determynation of my Lorde Maior, wth a number of other fflowtinge woordes, verrye vnsemeley, of so younge an ympe to be vttred, or spoken, in so graue, and worshipfull an Audyence: But yet perseueringe in his loftye stomache, departed in greate rage, from their present^e wthout eny leave takinge.

This is a rich example of Ralph Carter's grandiloquent style of minuting.

Item receyued of the guifte of mystres Haynes, for and towardes a recreacion to be made emongeste the companie, at their pleasures, the some of xx s.

Item receyued of a Jentleman. in Julie laste. for permytinge a deade Corpes. to stande in the hawle, duringe three houres, the some of xiiij s. iiij d.

Item receyued of Roberte Prentice, as for a fyne, in that he packed and solde to Sturbridge fayre laste, as was crediblie enformed by m^r Allen, asmuche wares, of all sortes, as he supposed, waied vij C, & for

- that he was fyned. a marke of mony. this Accomptaunte, chargeth hym selfe to haue receyued of the saide Prentice, a goulde Ringe. for the said marke of mony xiiij s. iiij d.
- Item** receyued of Roberte Collier, as for a fyne, of xx s. in that he contempitouslie, exclaymed to the L. Mayor of london, of m^r w^m Curtis, before he soughte his remedie at the m^r & wardeins handes, asmuche pewter vessell as is in weighte lxxxxiiij li di xx s.
- Item** receyued vppon the vth courte daie, of Raffe Straye, for that he on the L. mayors feaste daie, had not on his lyuerie gowne xij d.
- Item** receyued vppon the seconde q^r daie, of John Tucker. for that three Stills heades, were vntouched xij d.
- Item** receyued vppon the. xiiijth courte daie, of Edwarde Harper. (as for a fyne.) in that on Lamās daie [1st August] laste, he came to the guilde haule, wthout his lyveroye gowne xij d.
- Item** receyued of John Chestar. for that he came to the guilde hawle, to the seconde ellection of the Shrive. of London. not havinge on his lyuerie gowne vj d.
- Item** vppon the xvth courte daie, there was receyued of Ric Corbyn, for that he sette certeyne wares, on an other mans stawle, contrarie to order xij d.
- Item** paide vppon the xxiiijth daie of Januarye, laste. (beinge the daie, that the Qwenes Ma^{tie} dyned at S^r Thomas Gressshams) for carienge the fframe. to the place where the companie then did stande. to attende her highnes commynge xxijth d.
- This was Queen Elizabeth's famous visit to the City, when Her Majesty honoured Sir Thomas Gresham by visiting his house, and afterwards proceeded in state to open the new Burse, which she ordered to be proclaimed as the Royal Exchange.
- Item** paid for ffire, the same mornynge. to warme those of the companie, w^{ch} staid thothers commynge vj d.
- Item** paide in the Evenynge of the same daie, for six staffe Torches. w^{ch} were burnte in lightinge the qwenes highenes, throughe the citie, to hir courte, w^{ch} then was at Somsete place, wthout temple barre of london vj s.

Item paide then for foure smale staves. servinge for those w^{ch} were appoynted, as wyfflers. to garde the companie from the thruste & violence of people xij d.

The charges for the Midsummer Watch this year include 7s. 6d. paid to nine Cresset bearers, and three "Bagge bearers" to attend on them; 16s. 6d. for 36 stone of Cresset light at 5½d. the stone; 2s. 7d. for 9 straw hats; 4d. for lace to make "poynts" or bows for the hats; 2s. 6d. for 12 "Skutchins" of the arms of the Company fixed upon the hats; and 4d. for drink "expended vppon the saide nyne persones at their goinge out of the hawle."

1571-2. John Catcher, and maister Allen, then pñte [13th March], semed, bothe, in countenance, and woordes, muche, to, myssevse, them selues, not onlie, to the maister, him selfe, but to thassistaunce, whose names, are herevnder appearinge.

ffirste maister Allen, (very superfluouslye) reappinge vppe, olde matters, when as the grieffe, of his mynde, shoulde haue bene vttered, coulde saie nothings, but that he was mysvsed, by maister Curtis, and beinge demaunded, wherein, the saide Curtis, myssvsed him. in faithe, quoth he, a nomber awayes; quoth the m^r. wherein one. whie, quoth the saide Allen, it is but follie, for me, to prate, more, sithens ye be, all lyncked, togeathers, and therefore, wth your greate god, (the said Curtis.) by whome, ye be whollie ruled, I leave to trouble you, any further.

The saide Maister Curtis, then. and there presente, earnestley, required, the saide maister. Allen, (if eny faulte, on his parte had bene commytted.) towards him. to forgive it, and he wthall his harte, in like sorte, (as hartely. as he woulde, be forgiven, at godes handes,) did then vtterley renounce, to owne any malice, or grudge, towards him, the same m^r Allen.

And as for maister Catcher, he stouteley affirmed, that it was, but a follie, for him, to vtter, his grieffe, to eny of the saide maister wardeins, or assistaunce, for quoth he, hathe not Maister Curties, saide dyuers, tymes, to me, and in your hearinges, prate what I cann, doe what thowe canstes do. saie what thou wilte saie, for thowe arte like, to haue, no manner, of

remedie here (wth other vayne talke,) not thoughte mete, to be vttred, of so honeste a personage, mucche les to trouble, this booke, wth suche fryvelous speeche.

The issue of this quarrel does not appear. "Master" William Curtis was the brother of Alderman Sir Thomas Curtis, and seems to have been at times somewhat unpopular with certain members of the Livery.

It was also, ordered [30th August], that from hensfurthe, for euermore, theldeste man, of the clothinge, shall haue, in his kepinge, one of the keyes, of the redde chestes, and the vpper wardeine, thother, and thus orderlye, to contynue alwayes.

And likewise, [10th December], that all pettie Sawcers, throughout the whole companye, shalbe before Candlemas nexte, be called ynn, and not vttred, to be solde, to eny persone, or persones, not vnder ffoure poundes in weichte, the dossen, or thereaboutes, vppon payne, of fforfeiture, of all suche sawcers, as from thencefurthe, shalbe made contrarie to this ordynance . Any ordynance or provyso, heretofore made, to the contrarie hereof, in eny wise notwthstandinge.

Item receyued of John Jackson, as for a fyne, of not beinge this yeare,
m^r of the yeomanrie iij fi.

Every liveryman was obliged in turn to hold the offices of Warden and Master of the Yeomanry. The posts were burdensome and their duties no doubt trying. Constant requests occur to be excused from serving on payment of a fine.

Item receyued as for certeyne pewter vessells, in man^r of vyces, of fflaunders makinge, w^{ch} were founde, wthin the shoppe of John ffowell, haberdassher, vppon the xx^{ti} daie of Maie laste, from whome was taken, & seised, to thuse of the Quenes Ma^{tie}, as forfaite, by the lawes of this realme. eighte Glasse bottles, vysed wth forraine pewter three Smale pewter Tasters, two Smale Pottingers, and foure salt^e. valued in the whole at. ijs. Thone halfe whereof, to thuse of the Companie is readie mony xij d.

Item paide vnto the Clarke, accordinge to an agremente had, & made at the laste Accompte daie, for & towards a recompence of his trauailes, the yeare paste xx s.

Item spente at the Dolphin, in fishestreete, vpon the eightene, daie of October laste, as for so muche given by Richard Mannyng, at the buriall of his wiffe, for and towards a recreation, emongeste the whole Lyveorie xx s.

Item paide, to olde father Stokes, as for his paynes, trauaylinge, to the laste parlyamente, in furtheringe, a bill, for the reformation to be had, of vnlawfull measures xxx s.

Hereafter, ensueth, the perticuler charges, of furnisshinge fiftie, and seven men, appoynted for a shewe, to be made before the quenes Maestie, at Grenewiche vpon Maie daie laste.

In primum paide to Christofer Haddam as for twentie newe Callyvers, seruinge for bullion shotte, beinge througlie furnished, aswell wth chargers, and rammers, as wth Mouldes, faixes, & tuche boxes
xij li xij d.

Other items, under the heads of Powder, Matches, Murryans, Sarsenet, Victualls, Swordes, and Wages, bring up the whole charge to 4*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* Musters of the citizens were frequently held in the presence of the Sovereign during the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth. The Companies contributed their levies, all of whom were richly apparelled.

Item, paide vnto the Mayors officer, as for his paynes, attendinge vpon the m^r, and wardens, goinge into Bartholmewe fayre xij d.

The following memoranda of receipts and payments are entered at the end of the Audit Book (29) for 1530-1572.

¶ n^o 1553. the xxth daye of M^{ch}e. **¶** Money gathered of the whole Company for the Advancement and gyfte toward^e the payment of ij m^t mark^e graunted enacted & agreed by the comen Councill of the Cyte of london ffor the Quenes highnes to mayntayne a garysson of men that her ma^{te} entendeth to kepe, neare the Cyttye of london, as well for the suerty of her Ryall psonne as for the savegard of the sayde Cyttye as by Comysyon apearyth for the S^m of xxx^{li} which was gevyn & gathered of theyse psonnes folowyng, An^o Regni D^{ne} Regine Marie &c p^{mo} m^r kyng-worthe m^r, Mighell heytwayte & Will^m Baker wardens.

The names and contributions follow, the latter amounting to 33*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* Further particulars appear on pp. 176-7. The assessment gave rise to some dissatisfaction, which was peremptorily put down by an order of the Court of Assistants, printed at the bottom of p. 177.

Mong geuen of the Company towarde the Charge and coste of the plyment, in the tyme of m^r kyllingworth, mr, Mighell heytwaye and Willm Baker wardens in An^o 1554 as ffolowth.

The amount of this collection is 25*s.* 4*d.* (*See* p. 177.)

1572-3. ffirste, it was agreed, [18th February] that a Bill shoulde be exhibited, to my lorde wardeine of the Stannerie for the reformacon, of thabuses, dalie commytted, by the Connyers, of Tynneworkers, in the weste countrie.

At a Court meeting held on the 16th October it was ordered that Lynch the Armourer should make and keep clean all the armour and weapons belonging to the Company, receiving in return xxvj*s.* viij*d.* as his yearly wages.

In w^{ch} charge, it was condicioned, that he shoulde as often, as nede-fullie required, havinge powder founde, him, at the companies charge, blowe of, all the Callyvers, belonginge, to the saide companye, fynde, and provyde, all and almanner, of Buckels, latches, and other, Artilments, whatsoeuer, to all the Armor, and weapons, of the howse. [Also to be ready to cast aside his own business at the command of the Prince, or the Company, and be ready to do whatever was required of him.]

At the Court meeting held on the same day a disagreement between Thomas Wansworth and John Boulting was happily determined as follows.

And for, amore conformytie, of a brotherlie love, betwene them, the saide John Bowltinge, at his charges, shall before the feaste of Christmas, nexte make a dynner, or supper, invytinge, and byddinge, the same Thomas Wanswoorthe, and his wiffe, therevnto, and in conveniente tyme after, the saide Thomas, Wansworthe, to doo the like, not omyttinge therein, there good mother in lawe, and so to contynue thensfurthe, lovers, and freindes eche of them, to others, like as the bandes, of Mutuall charetie, willeth and requirethe.

The two following lists of contributions (*i.*) towards the cost of ceiling the Hall, and (*ii.*) towards the gift made to Alderman Curtis in his Shrievalty, are at the end of Audit Book 29, which covers the years 1530–1572.

The Seallyng of the hall.

And that m^r Thomas Curtys alderman made the Sealyng at the highe bourde of the hall of his owne proper coste and charge in the moneth of June in An^o 1551.

And that m^{rs} ashlyn late the wif of walter ashlyn made the Sealyng of the west syde of the hall of her owne proper coste & charge in the monethe of Maye An^o 1552.

And that the East syde of the hall was sealed at the coste and charge of the clothing as apearyth on the next syde folowyng.

And that the lower ende of the hall called the north side was Sealed at the coste and charge of m^r Edwarde Cacher of his owne proper goods. And the Armes that is set vppon the same Seling was done at the Coste and charge of John Cacher his Sonne.

And that the Armes at the highe bourde that is set in the Seling was donne at the prop coste and charge of m^r Wiffm Curtes.

And that the Armes that is set in the Sealing on the west side of the hall was done at the prop coste and charge of lawrence Ashlyn.

And that the Armes that is set in the Sealing on the east side of the hall was done by certayne of the Companye that is to saye, m^r Rowlandson m^r Millē m^r Gerie, m^r Allyn, m^r Loton, m^r Hassill, and m^r Gardener.

Mony gevyn Towarde the Scelyng of theaste Syde of the hall in the tyme of m^r Cary being m^r of the Crafte, Henry Clarck and Mighell heytwaye Wardens in An^o 1553. [The amount is 14*l.* 12*d.*]

The charge of the foresayde Scelyng of the Easte Syde of the hall.

In p^{mis} pd to Rypley Joyⁿ for the Joyners work & sealyng of the East syde of y^e hall in the tyme of m^r Cary, m^r Henry Clarck and Mighell heytwaye wardens xj li.

Itm pd to Jackson Carpenter for viij doble quarters iiij syngle quarters for nayles & for a dayes work for the Ca^rpenter to Nayle behynd the sayd Scelyng to staye the Joyners worke vij s. ij d.

Item pd by m^r heytwayte, to Willm Baker of the Rest of the mony that Remayned of the benyvolence of the company gevyn towards the Sealyng xx s.

And there dothe Remayne more of the same mony in m^r heytwayte hande xxxiiij s. x d.

A Remembraunce of them of the felowshype of pewterers that gaue theyre benyvolence to m^r Thomas Curtys shryue of London towarde his Charge for takyng vpon hym to be shryue whyche mony was geuyn hym the xx daye of Octobr in An^o domini 1546 And in the xxxviij yeare of the Raigne of o^r soueraigne lorde kynge Henry the viijth kynge of Englande ffrance and Irlande defensor of the fayth and of the Church of Englande & Irlande the Supreme hed. [The contributions follow in sums varying from 3s. 4d. to 40s., and make a total of 35*l.* 8s.]

Whiche was delyuered as folowithe.

Item paide to my lorde mayors stewarde towarde the charge of the mayors feaste By m^r shryues commaundmente xxx li.

Item p^d for yo^r Henchemans cote of blewe bryge [Bruges] satten & doblet of yelowe bryge satten and a payre of yelowe hose lynyng & makynge xx^s vj^d.

Item pd for gerdles of red cades for xxxvj offycers at mydsomer ij^s.

Item delyuered to m^r Shryues owne hande in Redy monye iij li. iij^s vj^d.
S^m xxxv li. viij^s.

Be y^t Remembred that the sayde craft gaue vnto the sayde m^r shryue for his dynⁿ the morowe after myghelmas daye whiche dynⁿ was kepte at the pewterers Hall whiche daye he was presented in the kynge Exchecker vpon theyre ffree gyfte owte of the craft boxe vij li

For further particulars of this dinner *see ante* p. 153.

1572-3. Item receyued, of William Hues. pewterer. as for kepinge of his weddinge. in the saide hawle ij s.

Item receyued, of mistres Hustewaite, as for hir husbandes benevolence given to the companie, of intente to be spente, emongeste them, ymmediatelie after his deceasse xx s.

Item receyued, of m^r Curtis. vppon the tenthe, daie of December laste, as for a full discharge, of m^r Sydleyes, obligation, conteyninge his dette, due to the companie, for releassing of their. title & intreste, of and in the Aungell. in Thamys streate, the some of . xvj l. xiiij s. iiij d.

Item receyued, of Nicholas Jurdeine, citezen and Merchaunt taylor, of london, whome married the wife, of thafore named Roberte Hustwaite, as in parte, of paymente, of a more some. agreed to be paide by him, to thuse, of the companie, for acceptinge him as a Brother, to and emongeste them, from the saide companie of Merchaunttailors, the some of x li.

Item receyued, of an Ittallion. as for five weekes, vsinge, the Hawle, of the saide companies, by the sighte, of a mooste artifyciall, and warlike castle, neuer before seene iij li vj s.

Item receyued then, of Anthonie Smythe, as for his benevolence, to the companie, attendinge on the buriall, of his wife xx s.

Item receyued by verdicte, of xij men, in the courte of piepoulders, for Bartholomewe faire, as for a falce Beame, taken from, Thomas, kempe the belfounder in houndsditch, ouer, and aboue, the quenes maiesties parte, to the Lorde, of the ffee, then allowed xxxviiij s.

A Court of Piepoudre [dusty foot] or Piepowder was held at every fair for speedy adjudication upon disputes and for punishment of offences. It received its name from the expeditious methods of its practice, judgment being pronounced whilst the dust was still on the feet of the suitors.

Item receyued, of Phillippe Deonise, in Barmesey Streete as for a five pounce weighte, two, two poundes waights, halfe a pounce weighte, and one quarter, of a pounce waighte, of leade, all w^{ch} were to [too] lighte, falce, ringed wth yron, and vnsealed, contrarye to the lawes, of this realme, and beinge seized, was furthwth tried in the courte of piepoulders, kepte for the saide faire tyme, to be mooste falce, and deceytfull, and the saide Phillippe deonise, therevppon, seinge presente daunger of condempnacion, by the sighte of Thomas Kempe, fainted in his Action, so wth lamentable teares, fell to composition, and wth these Accomptaunte, and so wth his freinde, became bounde to paie, for the same his greate deceite, in the saide five weights, at Michalmes followinge iiij l. xij s.

Item paide vnto the Lorde Mayor, of london, as for a benevolence graunted him by consente of Thassistaunces xl s.

Item paide vnto Nicholas Boddam, as for his paynes, agreed by the whole clothinge, in trauaylinge [*i.e.*, labouring or working] aboute the prizes [prices], of wares, to be reduced into one rate x s.

The Beadle was a highly responsible officer, and entrusted with important duties.

Item paide vnto one of Boddams sonns, as for a yeares exhibicoⁿ graunted to him, for and towards his furtheraunce in learninge fullie ended at Midsomer laste vj s. viij d.

Item paide for a proclamacion, tendinge to the reformacion, of the greate abuse, latelie practized by Apprentizes, in excesse of apparraile, the some of ij d.

Item paide vnto therle, of Bedfordes. Secretarie. as for his paines, in makinge certeyne letters, directed downe. into Devonsheire, and Cornewale, for reformacion to be had in, and aboute, the greate abuses dailie practized by the Tynners, in those partes v s.

Item paide to the two Atturneyes, as for their ffees, makinge the declarations, wth their reioynders, and ffees, due to the Judge, of the saide courte of piepoulders, in triall of the sixe actions, commensed againste the saide Thomas kempe, & Phillippe Deonise, as by a bill of particulers, withe their handes subscribed. more playnlie appeareth xlv s.

Item paide to ffooster, the clarke of the saide courte, as well for thentringe, of the sixe Actions. as for counsell, at the evydence givinge his ffees, of ij s. the peece, for everie one of the plees entringe vppon recorde, and so after that rate, for eu^y yssue so taken and filinge vppe, wth the wthdrawinge, of the Actions, the some of lvj s.

The indignant marginal note appears to be the comment of the auditors.

Item paide to Nicholas Boddam, in consideration of his paynes attendinge vppon the saide workemen x s.

The expenditure on these repairs amounted to 9*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, the Beadle acting as usual as superintending architect.

Cutthrote, and excessive expenses, as ever was herde, or sene.

Item paide vnto m^r George Heaton, Chamberlayne, of London, as in respecte of provision to be made, for all mannⁿ of breade corne. in this tyme of skarcitie, for repaymente whereof. these Accomptauntes haue accepted, the saide Chamberlayne, dettor, to be paide the companie, accordinge to thorder, of the righte honourable S^r Lionell ducket knighte lorde Mayor of london, as in and by the saide bill obligatorie of his, more playnlie at large it dothe & maie appeare. xxij li. x s.

Item paide for breade, & drinke, at the three laste courte daies, the some of vj d.

1573-4. **And** for that, m^r Jurdeine [10th September] packed, w^houte vewe made, of the m^r or wardeins, a sixe barrells of Pewter, supposed to be in euerie barrell, a three hundrethe weighte, in the hole, xvij ti and havinge laide, before him, the ordynaunces, of the howse, hee stubbernelie bad them doo, what they coulde, he woulde paye, no suche fyne: And therew^he, they forbadd him, to give from hensfurthe the Crowned bell, on suche wares, as he shoulde make wherebie to sell them againe. Excepte it weare for the vessell of the qweenes Maiesties howse onlie: He skoffingelie, answered them, that whatsoever, ordynaunces, they had, for that matter, he cared not a Rushe, for as he did vse yt, so woulde he, do still, and do they what they liste, or ells qd he, I will spende twentie poundes. But that you sir, meaninge the m^r of the companye, [Mr. William Curtis] shall leave of, from givinge, the Rose and Crowne, wth sonne beames, as nowe you doo . Well, qd the maister, for that matter I shall do well ynoughe, but see wheare you are nowe. What vsage, in wordes be these to your maister and wardeins. I care not, quoth the same Jurdeine, and seinge you do thus abuse me, I will laie downe my hoode and from hensfurthe neuer com^m emoungeste you, and yet will I kepe open shoppe, and give, the Crowned bell, in spite, of you all, and doo the beste, and wourste, you can, and therewth verie vnreverentlie before them all, did put on his cappe, flange away, as one that had bene madd, & in suche manner, departed he.

Item receyued, for five weddinge kepte in the hawle xxv s.

Item receyued of Nicholas Jurdeine, for a fyne, in beinge discharged, of the Stuardeshippe xij s. iij d.

- Item** receyued, of Thomas Wansworthe, for a fyne, of certeyne Stone pottē,
of his makinge, verie vnworkemanlie handled, the some of xij d.
- Item** receyued, of Richarde Mason, sonne of Tho. Mason, while he lived,
citezen and Pewterer, of london, as for a ffyne, to be admytted, a free
brother of this companie, whose exercise, all the daies, of his life, was,
and yet is thoccupaconⁿ of a Cordewaynor, the some of xij s. iiij d.
- Item** paide vnto the Curate there [All Saincts Lombard strete], at the
tyme of these accomptantē greate dynner, xij d. To the Clarkes, of
dutie iij s. iiij d. To the Churchwardens, of the churche, xx d. To
the Preacher, iij s. iiij d. To the Sexton, iiij d. and to the Beadle, of
the companie, iiij d. so the totall some of all the saide particulers
is ix s. viij d.
- Item** paide vnto the Butler, for his paynes, the laste quarter daie, beinge
also, thelection, of the newe maister, and wardeins iij s. iiij d.
- Item** paide for makinge of two, paire of slopps [for soldiers] xx d.
- Item** paide, for iij peecē of lace, to garde them xvij d.
- Item** paide for vj yardes, of blewe clothe, seruinge for the reste, of their
Breeches xiiij s.
- Item** paide for makinge, of two paire of breeches xvj d.
- Item** paide, for the five, Coatē makinge, at xvj d. the peece, vj s. viij d.
- Item** paide to m^r Grenewood, the Harrolde, at armes, for a newe addiconⁿ,
ro be made, of the Armes, of the companie iiij ti.
- Also**, we fynde, that the yearlie Annuytie, given by maister Catcher,
deceased, to five, poore men, of this companie, is dulie paide by
these Accomptantē, amountinge to xxx s.
- Moreover**, the younger, of these Accomptantē, craueth to be allowed, that
money, wherewithe he standethe chargeth, to have receyued of the
wardemoote Inqueste, of Langeborne warde and as yet not come, to
his handes, amountinge to x s.
- Item**, he craueth to be allowed that money, w^{ch} he paide to thabove
named Nicholas Boddam, (over & above thordenarie allowaunce, of
the hawle) in that his wife, tooke greate payne, to white, & bleache,
the Naprie of the companie, w^{ch} was greatelie spotted, amountinge
to x s.

The "allowances" claimed by the younger Warden of this year in his accounts did not all commend themselves to the auditors. Vouchers for the sums in question were perhaps not produced, or the amounts may have been accidentally omitted from the account. The auditors reserved the decision to the Court, who in the following minute disallowed, for reasons not stated, the items of 10s. for the Wardmote Inquest and 10s. paid to the wife of Boddam the Beadle.

@t a courte holden, on the sixte, daie of Maie, 1575, the matters in dispen-
 ce, aforesaide, was agreed, that all suche of thabovesaide perceit^e,
 as was noted on the margent, shoulde be allowed him, & the reste,
 to beare himselve, and so that money, w^{ch} he paide oute, for the
 companie, and the saide allowaunce, furth^{wth} to be paide him, w^{ch}
 amounted to xij li. x d.

1574-5. **Jf** was ordered [5th August] that from hencefurthe,
 Roger Hawksforde, shall not make any moe wyne pottes, wherebie to
 sell, or vtter the same, of that molde, or fasshion, nowe at this presente
 daie, shewed, before the maister, Wardeins, and assistaunces, for that
 by their greate breadethe, in the mouthe, and shortenenes, throughoute,
 there appearethe, a manifeste, deceite in measure, to all other the qweenes
 maiesties, subiectes, receyvinge wyne, by suche their saide curtalled, and
 vniuste measure.

Jf was ordered [13th December], that from hensfurthe, for ever-
 more, none of the companie, shall caste any Metall, into Strak^e, wherebye
 to vtter, or put them, to sale, before, and vntill suche tyme, as the
 workeman, or owner, thereof, hathe cawsed them, to be searched, and
 seene, as other wares vsuallie are, and over that, for their better, and true
 tryall of workemanshippe the owner, or Worker of suche strakes, to
 sette, and fixe vppon euerie Strake, so to be caste, his proper Marke, or
 ells, to forfacte, and paie, for euerie pounce weighte, wroughte or caste
 to the contrarie one penny.

Jtem receyued, of Richarde Parkins, for a fyne, in that he hired divers
 standing^e, in Essex, w^{ch} were latelie Henerie Barret^e deceased, &
 purposed therbie to thruste, the widowe his wife, from them, con-
 trarie, to thorders, of the howse ij s.

- Item** receyued, of William Webbe, as for so much receyued, by him, in waie of bribrye, at a Straungers hande, at Southampton, whome not longe before, did caste, and falcie myxe, wthin the howse, of Agnes Hassell, the widdowe, a greate masse of Tynn, fashioned into Barrs, purposinge to transporte, the same, into the parte, of beyonde the seas, and he yet neuertheles, beinge putte in truste, & sent downe to viewe the same, moste vnhonestlie disclosed, these Accomptant^e intent^e, to the Straunger, and wth thafore saide some of xl s., stopped his mouthe, wthout makinge eny relation, at his retourne, to these Accomptant^e, of the matter, commytted to him xl s.
- Item** receyued of Nicholas Barnsdale, for a ffyne, aswell, for his often absence, from the hawle, beinge dulie warned, as for other his contemptuous vsage, towardes, the wardeins, of the yomanrie iij s. iij d.
- Item** receyued, of John God, for his abuse, & greate radge, had and vsed, to Richarde Parke, his Journeyman at an vndue howre, of the night vs.
- Item** receyued, of the same Richarde Parke, for his contemptuous vsadge, in strikinge, his saide maister, & for takinge further wages, of him, then by the lawes, of this realme, he oughte, to doo v s.
- Item** paide vnto the Beadle, that deade is, for his quarters wages, due at Michaelmas laste xx s.
- Item** paide vnto my Lorde Mayo^r, as for so muche given him by consente, of the companie iij li.
- Item** given, by waie of remembraunce, to the three Barons, of the xchequer, sixe dozen of Trenchers, of fyne pewter, amountinge, to xxx s.
- Item** paide, to m^r Loton, as for so muche, willed by the companies consente, to be paide, to the discharge, of suche rent, as poore Stephan Barrowe, oughte to Landlorde vj s. viij d.
- Item** paide, to m^r Sallowes, for a daie of ymparleunce, at thend, of Easterterme, for Robte Collier, answe^re viij d.
- Item** paide, to the Clark, for engrosinge, into the Inventarye booke, of Edwarde Taylors, testamente xij d.
- We**, thincke it not reasonable, that these Accomptant^e, be allowed, that two Shillinge, w^{ch} they saie, was loste, by an Angell, taken of John God, & his man, by waie of ffyne ij s.

Or, that any allowaunce, shalbe made them, for the some of xx s. w^{ch} they saie, was spent, by Thomas Hawke, and Roberte Newes, in Jorneyinge, to ypswitche, vnles, the companie thinck, of it otherwise, for to what ende, that Jorney was made, or of any proffyte, that came of it, we knowe nothinge, as yet xx s.

1575-6. **The** greateste parte of the lyverie this daie [9th February] presente, fullie agreed that the Qweenes Ma^{ties} writte, of Quo Warranto, latelie directed to the Sheriff of London, for the seisure of the liberties, of the companie, shoulde furthewthe, be agreed for, by some portion of money to be disbursed oute of the stocke of the howse and that by such easie meanes, as to the M^r & wardeins, shalbe thoughte meete, & conveniente.

More Henrye Langeshawe is founde fautye [27th June] for that he hathe made Certen Laie pottē wth ffallce mettell And therevpon sholde haue byn Comitted to warde. Neverthelesse be Cause of his humble submyssion they haue ordered yf at anye tyme hereafter he be founde to do the like falcheoode agayne to be banished the Companye for eū. And also shall new alter his tuche w^{ch} he now hathe To w^{ch} agremente he hathe put his hande.

Item receyued of Nicholas Jurdeine, for beinge discharged, of the maister-shippe, of the yomanrie iij li.

Item receyued of Richarde Buñyngē, for that he bought a Gobbet of mettall, of John Russellē apprentice, named John Robertē iij s. iiij d.

In p^m paidē vppon the thirde, daie of October, laste, at Abchurche, in full accomplishment, of m^r Ashlins, obbytt ix s. x d.

1576-7. **At** the same Courte [25th January] it was ordred that Richarde Gall shall supplie the Roome of Raphe Carter our late Clarke Deceased.

At the same Co^{rte} [6th February] it was agreed that this hall shalbe Charged to paye the Churche for the Quartrige due and paicable to the pishe Churche of S^t Deonys Backechurche ffrome henceforth for eū after and not the beadle to be Charged therewth but to be paidē by the m^r and wardens frome tyme to tyme wthoutē fraude or guile in anye wise.

Re also [27th February] of the same William Steven for lycence to open shop and for occupieinge an other mans touche iij s. iiij d.

Item it is agred at this Courte [20th June] that the Cooke and Butler shalbe paide there wages for servinge at the Quarters dinners at the Charges of this house And also that there shalbe xx s. yerelye allowed to the wardens for wood and Coles for the quarter dinners at the charges of this house And likewise that the wardens shalbe allowed towards eūye Quarter dinner xx s. at the Charges of this house.

The Co^rte of beames and weightes was holden the xxjth Daie of October 1577.

Whereas Thomas waterson and xpofer Gennyns to the Discreditt and hinderaunce of this Companye haue vsed and Doe vse Comon skowringe and other labors in the Lorde mayor the sheriffe and Aldermens houses w^hin the Cittie, It is ordered and agreed at this Courte for remedye and reformacōn thereof That yf anye parson or parsons free of this Companye shall at anye tyme hereafter set on worke the saide waterson and Jennyns or any other free of the pewterers w^{ch} shall vse comon skowringe in the Lorde maiors sheriffe or Aldermens houses of the cittie or shall buye or sell wth the saide waterson Jennyns or anye other pson w^{ch} shall vse Comon scowringe as aforesaide shall for eūye tyme offendinge paye to thuse of the Comon Box of this companye ffortye shillings.

Item receyued the xvijth daie of September 1577 of John Catcher for a fyne awarded by my lord maio^r for that the same John Catcher vpon stomacke did refuse to take vpon him the yonger wardenship after he was orderly elected, as it doth more at large appere in the booke of orders v li.

Item these Accomptaunt^e require to haue allowed vnto them toward^e the firste two quarter dynners xx s.

Item they aske allowaunce for midsomer, and michelmas Quarter dynners according to an order late made by the Company xl s.

Item they aske allowaunce for the Cooke for midsomⁿ quarter by the said order vj s.

Item they demande allowaunce for the Cooke, ffor michelmas quarter being the election day according to the said order xs.

1577-8. @ **Note** [19th February] of the Apparrell of Stephen Craske that was attached to thuse of the Companye and praysed by M^r Tyndall and M^r Carrington.

Imprimis a liverye Gowne iiiij^{li}
Item a mourninge Gowne and a hoode xxx s.
Item a liverye hodde iij s. iiij d.
Item a Cape of Clothe garded wth velvet and faced wth Taffata
 xlvj s. viij d.
Item a Crippen of siluer and perle.
Item a hankerchif wroughte wth Crimsen silke.
Item a iacket of Satten ymbrodered.

It is ordered and agreed at this Courte [31st July] That whereas at the laste searche made by the m^r and wardens on the five and Twentyth daie of this p^{nt}e moneth of Auguste there weare founde xv Chopnett^e of laye but onely of fyne mettell vpon paine to forfeite the same And to paie suche fyne as the m^r wardens and Assistaunt^e shall Assesse for the same And also that the saide Humfrye Baker shall allowe vnto e^vrye of the saide pties the valew of there saide Chopnett^e Taken at there shoppes.

The above entry is fully transcribed, but is obviously incomplete.

@ Sessement made the day of 1578 And in the xxth yere of the raigne of oure sou^{er}aigne Ladye Quene Elizabeth By the m^r wardens and assistaunt^e of this Companye by vertue of diverse pcept^e directed to vs from the Lorde maior this p^{nt}e yere for the levieinge of Certen monye for the furnisheinge and trayninge vp of the number of xx^{tie} hable and sufficiente parsons beinge Jurnemen app^{nt}ices or others free of this Cittie beinge of Agilitie and honeste behauior betwene the age of xix^o and xl yeres w^{ch} are fitt to be trayned for harqubushe shotte and to be of the number of those ij shotte lymited to be trayned vp this yere in the Cittie of London for the s^{er}vice of her ma^{tie} and the defence of this realme.

The expenditure on this levy as shown in the Accounts amounted to 29l. 3s. 7½d. Bromley, the Company's new Beadle, took an active part in preparing and furnishing the little contingent. Among the items is **Item** for ij yardes of rebonde [ribbon] for bromlye vj. d.

At this courte [13th October] there was presented a bill from my lorde mayo^r in the behalfe of Christofer Barker by the Coialtye of the saide companye to procure the sale of Somanye bibles as the companye had nede of, and demaunde beinge made there was no mane founde willinge to buye anye.

This Bible was a reprint of the Genevan edition (first published in 1560) and usually known as the "Breeches Bible." Barker was the Queen's Printer.

At this Courte [24th November] Thomas Wansworthe for his disobedience and lewde wordes was dismissed of his hood and comāded that he sholde not com in no Companye wth the liverye before he be sente for, and scoffed the m^r and Assistaunt^e when they dismissed him of his hood he saide he sholde be the les warmed by it this wynter.

Item for a liverye gowne and a hoode iij li.

The Livery gown taken from Craske (*see above*, 19th February) was "prayed" at 4*l*.

Be of the Spanishe marchaunt^e for there yeres rente for the vse of oure hall then dewe vj li.

Item paide the xxixth daie of Januarye 1577 for a dynner at the Harrowe x s. viij d.

Item paid to the Clarke of the Girdelors for a copie of their answer touching the wheat monye iiij d.

1578-9. At this courte [27th April] it is agreed by the wholle liverye That whereas it was agreed by the common Councell of the Cittie of London the present presented vnto Duke Casemerus the valew whereof sholde be gathered of the Companyes of London vpon w^{ch} occasion there was from the mayor dated the xiiijth of Aprill 1579, a presepte sente vnto vs to Levye and gather amongst vs iiij^l presentlye to be paide to the Chamberlen of London w^{ch} some of monye at this genall court is agreed that it shalbe paide oute of the box of the house iiij li.

Prince Casimir, Count Palatine of the Rhine, who came on a visit to this country, was entertained by Sir Thomas Gresham at his house in Bishopsgate Street.

At this Courte [8th July] it was moved to the table whether they wolde take an augementacon of the liverye and xv^{tiē} psons gave there ballē that there sholde be vj or eñē viij taken vnto the liverye and thre gave the ballē to the Contrarye.

At this Courte [28th August] it is ordered that whereas M^r Hawke arrested John ffrauñce thappñtice of m^r ffoster for a debte of xliij li of fyne mettell and xvj s. iiij d. in monye the matter beinge herde m^r Hawke was Contented to receive for eñye pounce weighte of oulde fyne j^{ti} of New laye and for the xvj s. iiij d. xxxij li iij q^l of new laye.

Wheras xpöfer strange complaynede [3rd October] agaynst hys apprentyce Thomas hyxson for hys dysobedyence and vndutyfulnes to hys m^r and m^{rs} and befor the court was so vnreverent and wold not reconsyle hym self to hys m^r refusyng to sarve hym and to ask hym forgevenes for hys offences the court for hys ponyshment caused hym to be whypped in y^e hall.

At thys court [9th November] was presented abyll from my lord maior to make enquiry for certayne seditiouse bookes w^{ch} a pclamacyon pclaymed in september dyd tend vnto now thys secent publyfycation of the same the court geveth respet vnto the company vntyll the next mornyng to bryng in such bookes as thay had and the next mornyng ther was brought one w^{ch} was presently geven to my lord maior.

Also at thys court [14th December] it is ordered that all the quartereges that Nicolas Roodes oweth aswell vnto the boxe of the liverye as to the yeomandry shalbe forgiven hym and further hereafter to paye only quarteryge to the yeomädry.

Item ffor strawyng yerbes when the aldermen shuld haue come vnto the hall vj d.

Item payed vnto mr chamberlayne vppon a precept graunted from my lord maior and comon councayle a present vnto duke Cassymero iiij li.

Item payed to mr Sadler the cooke for the whole yere xxij s. viij d.

Item payed to the to the butler for the whole yere iiij s. vj d.

1579-80. **M**orober the whole company [26th March] agreed and and graunted of ther fre wyll to paye to the mayntenaunce of the house vppon every blok of tynne they melt iiij d. and every yere to chuse

ij gathers of the sayed money and the sayed men shalbe countable to the audytors of the mrs accompt the w^{ch} graunt was agred shuld be cept so long as ther shalbe agenerall agrement to cepe the pryce.

¶ thys courte [15th October] it is agreed that vppon consyderation that the L. maior of london cepeth no feast at the yeld hall and for that the stewardes are charged wth vj men the more w^{ch} shuld haue dynded at yeld hall it was ordered that the stewardes shuld haue xs more allowaunce: and no more hereafter to be allowed.

¶ thys court [13th December] widdow wood complayneth agaynst John bachouse for xxxiiij^{ti} of mettall and iij s. iiij d. money he oweth here w^{ch} amounteth all in money xxij s. w^{ch} some of money John bachouse and thomas pooler pmyseth to paye mr warden wood weakly the woorkmanshye of halfe agrose of spones at xd. the half grose vntyll such tyme it be wrought out and so long as John bachouse worketh wth thomas pooler thomas poler pmyseth to paye the debt.

- Itm** recevede off mr gardner ffor sufferyng hys aprntic to occupy in the countre to hys owen vse and not freman of london xx s.
- Itm** R_e of xiiij men taken into the livery to be employed in napery to the house or other necessaryes at the mr & wardens dyscreesson xiiij li.
- Itm** R_e of Rychard Wylkenson of frynsburry [for Quarterage] xij d.
- Itm** payed ffor iij hoboyes [hautboyes] in the barge ix s.
- Itm** payed ffor a proclamation tuchyng bookes iij d.
- Itm** payd ffor a pclamation for apparrell vj d.
- Itm** spent at the castell in cornwell [? Cornhill] one the vew daye of our landes xij s. viij d.
- Itm** payed vnto mr sadler the coke ffor dressing the great dynnar and for bakyng of custardes at hys house xxiiij s. viij d.
- Itm** paid vnto the coke ffor dressing the iij q^{ter} dynnars and the count [? Audit] dynnar xxviiij s.
- Itm** ffor pryntyng of j C of statut bookes xvj s. viij d.
- Itm** ffor hemmyng and markyng of v dossen of napkynes viij s.
- Itm** more allowed mr hawkes for hys charge in shut lawe wth a french man xl s.

1580-1. **At** this court [17th March] it is ordered that none of the companye shall make any close stole pannes to sell to any vpholstar or any other man but that every one of the sayed close stole pannes shall wayghe vli the pece and that the maker of the sayed panes shall brynge every one of them befor they put them to sale vnto the bedell of the hall to haue the mark of the hall set one them and if in case any stole pannes shall herafter be found mad not marked wth the tuch of the house and of lese wayght then v ti the pece then the maker shall paye for every pane so found xij d.

This order for bringing goods to the Hall to be marked was contrary to the usual practice, and was perhaps especially made for this class of ware. The "touch" of the crowned rose could only be used by direct permission of the Company, and this may be what is meant by "the mark of the Hall."

Courte held the xxvijth maye 1581. Wher as order was taken by the whole companye for dyvers consyderations that for every pece of tyne that any of the companye shuld melt they shuld paye for the releffe of the companye iiij d. vppon every pece mr John norton and mr Rychard kynge were appoynted receuers of the same money and at thys court they brought in ther whole yeres accoumpt and payed vnto mr warden xvj ti j s. iiij d. as may apere by the pertyculars wrytten in other booke of Recaiptes and paymentes R_e xvj ti j s. iiij d.

Be of humfry weetwood a fyne for buying ij blockes of cornysh tynne wthout cloth [cloff] xx s.

Be of John god for a fyne melting a blocke of tyne in a plomers house ij s. vj d.

Be of dyvers yong men at a quarter daye for comynge to the hall in ther clokcs vj s. ij d.

Itm spent at our dynnar at bartelmewe fayer at the shype in old baylye xv s. vij d.

Itm payed for a sygne of grygory alley and for the payntyng of it xj s. viij d.

Itm we [the Auditors] fynd the mr and wardens mr nogaye master mr Chawner & mr wood for brech of cartayne ordynaunces in ther tyme

the matter being put vnto vs to determyne we order that ech one of them shall paye or geue vnto the house xx s. a pece that is to saye thre poundes or the valew of thre poundes in any thyng as they shall thynke betwyxt thys and the fest St. John baptyst next comyng or els iij li of money.

The Company was called upon this year to furnish a contingent of eleven soldiers for service in Ireland, the expense amounting to 13*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*

1581-2. *At* this court [10th February] by the consent off the assystaunce the money in the red chest was geven vnto mr warden catcher & vnto mr warden gascar to be employed and they bought xxij € ij q^{tes} xxiiij † neat wayght of tyne at lvj s. the hundred and the sayed tynne was presently sold vnto mr thomas catcher at iiij s. in every hundred proffyt wheron the house was benefyed iij li x s. vj d.

Also at this court it is ordered that wheras ther was of dyvers money geven at ther death of oure brethern to make mery wthall & also iij li w^{ch} mr nogay mr chawner & mr wood wer adiuged to paye ffor breach of ane ordynaunce in ther tyme mad. to spend, the w^{ch} monyes the company thought good to make a shrovyng dynnar in pewterers hall and ther was farther graunted out off the house boxe x s. x s.

At this court [15th March] it is ordered that none off the company shall lyd any stone pottes to any man except he be a brother off the companye better cheape then ij s. the dossen and he that lyddeth better cheape shall paye ij s. iiij d. vnto the house for every dossen & the garnysh pottes at v s. the dossen.

Also at this court [12th November] it was graunted vnto herman Johnson beinge a brother of the company he doinge his dewty and sarvyng vs well & resonable to serve vs a barge at the maiors takynge his oweth, and because this yere he had mad provysion and the lord maior toke not his othe at westmⁿster the court gaue hyme a reward for his charge & paynes x s.

The Lord Mayor of this year was Sir Thomas Blanke, a member of the Haberdashers' Company.

@t court beinge quarter daye held the vth of december 1582 It was ordered that none of the companye shuld put to make any spones but vnto a brother of the company and all the spone makers promysed in open court to worke a grose of spones for xx d. the grose.

Itm payed also graunted at acourt vnto mr fene Rychard kyng george Roaffe & william allet mr & w^dens of the yeomandry to paye the coke for his work at ther yeomandries dynnar . . . xxvj s. viij d.

1582-3. **@t** this court [12th April] it is agreed that none of the companye shall take any one to be his aprentys except he take the saide aprentys for the terme of ix yeres and he that doth contrary shall paye vnto the house xli this order is at the discretion of the m^r and wardens.

This order was modified at a Court held on 17th October as follows, "it is referred to the Master and Wardens and assystance to mytigat one yere of the aprentys accordyng as thay finde in yeaes the prentys presented."

@t this courte [11th June] ther was a comaundement from my L. Maior that the court of assistaunge should nomynat two of the discretest men of the companye and to present ther names presently before my Lord Maior to be assystant wth others of other companyes tuchinge the sut betwen sir xpofer hatton and the cytty of london and the saied court did agre that Mr Curtys and M^r Catcher shuld be presented.

@t a Courte held the xijth of December 1583. At this court it is thought good to chuse xij men that is of the assystaunce iiij of the clothyng and iiij of the yomandry to syt and determyne as well of pryces of ware as also any other matter w^{ch} they shall find necessary and Good for the company m^r Bowltyng M^r Jacson m^r Wood m^r Thomas Catcher Richard parkyns Baptist Hassell Thomas Elliot Robert Nyxon Ambrose Royston James Draper Nicolas Collyar Thomas Cowes.

Receued of dawrytye [Dorothy] bale for a whole yeres rent dew at Mydsomer last past xix s. viij d.

Itm geven vnto mr Recorder for his newers [? New Years] guyft ij dossen of trenchers & iij payer of candelstykes w^{ch} cost . . . xvij s. vj d.

Charges in shut [suit] in lawe agaynst Anthony delyshey layed out by mr w'den maier M^r Catcher, and m^r gascar.

These proceedings were taken against a pewterer at Hertford, who appears to have challenged the Company's authority. The bill of costs reached the large sum of 56*l.* 4*s.* During the year the Company also spent 17*l.* 8*s.* in law charges in defending themselves against the writ of Quo Warranto. See the resolution agreed to at a meeting of the Livery on 9th February, 1575 (page 282).

1583-4. ¶ this court [21st February] it is ordered that Baptyst Hassell shall paye vnto Nicolas Colliar xix d. the povnd for 1^c₃-0 of tyne glasse and so all matters tuchynge that bargayne to be quyt and discharged.

¶ this court [27th March] Nicholas Colliar complayneth agaynst Baptyst Hassell for buying and saying [assaying] of tyne for strangers to the number of one hundred peces of M^r Hoskyns at Butolwharfe.

¶ this court comandement was geuen vnto Roger Hawkesford not to take Richard Evans gryffet being both a marryd man and a landloper Juge and the sayed Roger Hawkesford was content to part from hime And farther if the sayed Richard Evans gryffet do obtayne to be a freman of London then the court doth agre to accept hime a brother paying ij*li* v*s.* viij d. and so Roger Hawkesford hath lycense to geue hime houserome betwyxt ths and Easter.

¶ the whole boddy of the company at this quarter daye [18th June] requested the M^r and Wardens and assystance to make ane ordynaunce for thos as shall herafter crave lycense to set vp as thay shall best thinke Good.

¶ this court wheras a collection for the releffe of Nantwyche and that ther was gathered of the company the some of vj*li* of the w^{ch} money ther was geuen to the releaffe of Nantwyche ij*li* v*s.* viij d. and farther ordered to geve vnto the yeomandryes boxe xx*s.* and x*s.* to be geuen vnto Thomas ffreman a poore brother of ours to William Bromley to paye the surgyon towards healyng his lege x*s.* to M^r Gerye x*s.* and to the clarke for his paynes in gatheryng of it iij*s.* vj d.

At this [31st July] William Clarke late the aprentys of William Anderson is set over vnto Richard Charter and payed ijs. The court agreeth that yf euer faut be found wth W^m Clarke hauyng twyse byne set over to be well whypped.

Be of Richard Randall [22nd September] for a fyne for ceping a forstallyng stall added to his shope at Bartelmew fayre the som of iij s. iiij d.

At this court [23rd October] Moryce Pellytorye somtymes aprentys of Roger Hawkesford but came to his fredome by redemption specyally at the sute of Sr Rowland Hayward and vpon consideration that we haue accepted the sayed Moryce he wth his M^r Roger Hawkesford haue promised before Bartelmewtyde next to make afayre pompe in the hallyard as well for the kytchyne as for the yard substantiall to the prescrytion of M^r Warden Catcher and any one other of the company as M^r warden will take counsayle of ther vpon he is admitted a brother.

At this court [11th November] Comaundement was given by my Lord Maior that ther should be xxty appoynted w^{ch} should wth decent aparrell to goe met the Quenes Magesty and that every one should haue ther sarvant attendyng vpon them wth a staff torche the charge of y^e sayed staff torche this court doth agre the house shall bear the charge therof.

At this court it is ordered the court beyng a full court being x besydes the M^r and Wardens that yf any brother of the company as well of the assystance as other wayes beyng lawfully warned by the Bedell in the M^r and Wardens name to apere at any court or in any other place to apere to any sarvice of the company and the p^{aty}e so warned do absent hime selfe without any lawfull excuese that then the sayed partye shall pay a fyne to the house xij d.

At this court [27th November] wheras Morys Pellytory was admytted vnto the fredom by Redemption at the especyall sute of Sr Rowland Hayward and vpon consideration to be admitted a brother amongst vs at a court held the xxiiijth of October last the sayed Morys agreed to make a pompe of his owen charge in the hall yard and therefore admytted a brother wher vpon the sayed Morys fyndyng the poumpe to be made wold turne hime to great charges he brought vnto the court

a letter from S^r Rowland Hayward wherin he requested the court for his sake to take fyve markes to be payed by xiijs. iiij d. the yere whose request the court hath granted for the performance of the same as well Roger Hawkesford and Morrrys Pellytorye haue set to ther handes and the first payment to be payed at crystmas next.

¶ of John hyll for a fyne for his being absent in the countrey xij yeres & now receued a brother agayne xiiij s.

¶ payed vnto a trompetter sarvyng the barge j s.

¶ we ask allowaunce payed vnto mr Curtys accordyng to ane ordynaunce mad havyng sondry tymes sarved mr of the companye the some of v li.

¶ wheras the booke is charged mr curtys to haue R^e the some of fyve poundes accordynge to ane order made for his sarvyce of the mrshype, mr Curtys returned vnto his successors of the sayed money the some off xliij s.

1584-5. ~~Ther~~ xvj men [chosen to serve the Queen as "trayned soldyars"] payed wages [17th April] vnto xvj others pewteres which sarved in their places xij d. a day meat and drinke Ther sarved for Andrew Bowyar John Johnson his aprentys

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|---|--------------------------|
| ffor Robert Nixon | Thomas Sharpe |
| ffor Richard Ethell | Thomas Downe his sarvant |
| ffor Nicolas Turnar | William Clarke |
| ffor John Shawe | John Bourman |
| ffor Thomas Gaye | John till |
| ffor Humfry Kinge | John Powell |
| ffor Nicolas Colliar | Peter Vincent |
| ffor Thomas Eliot somtymes hime selfe (& somtymes his | |
| ffor Richard Glover | his aprentys [sarvant) |
| ffor James Draper | his aprentys |
| ffor Ambrose Royston | his aprentys |
| ffor Lewes Randall | George Care |
| ffor Thomas Cowes | William Dickenson |
| ffor Robert Sheppard | James Hunters man |
| ffor Thomas Woodhouse | his aprentys |

At this court [29th July] ther was presented from my Lord Maior accoppie of tre dyrected from the counsayle to my Lord Maior the effect wherof was that my L Mayor should perswayd all his bretheren the aldermen to bring in ther adventur to the lotterye and also to perswad the Masters and wardens of all companyes to procure ther bretheren of ther companye to bryng in ther venturs also to the lottery wher vppon the yeomandry at the shew of the same comyssyon gauē ther consentes to pay xij d. the pece.

At this court [13th August] it is ordered that the election day shalbe cept the monday after bartelmew day [24th August] and that all the clothyng shall goe orderly to church to the sermant and that thay and ther wyues shall dyne at the hall and that thay shall paye man and wyffe iij s. iiij d. the pece and the house shall pay vnto the M^r and Wardens towards charges xl s. and farther the court is contented that the next day after the M^r and Wardens shall cepe ther quarter dynnar and that thay shall haue allowed them xx s. out of the house as hath byne accustomed at all quarters dayes and vj d. a pece for Wine and it is ordered that yf any of the clothyng be absent yet not wthstanding they shall pay ther iij s. iiij d.

At this court [15th October] it is ordered by the consent of the whole company that herafter when ther shalbe any brother of the companye maryed that the party w^{ch} shalbe married shall goe with the beddell at a convenient time throught the company and gather the good will of the yeomandry and he or they w^{ch} thay fynd not at ther houses to be warned to the hall the sayed sonday after before eyght of the cloke in the mornyng to bryng in ther offeryng and he that maketh default shall pay to the pore of the Company iij d. wthout any favor we meane to the yeomandryes boxe.

At this court [31st December] it is agreed that the house shall purchase the conseled landes conseved of Sr xpofer Hatton at or after fyve yeares purchase and not to geue any more.

The property in question was the Company's houses in Fenchurch Street. Compare the minute of 11th June, 1583 (p. 290), and see the Accounts for 1587-8 (p. 301).

Be off Andrew boyer w^{ch} he wyllingly gaue to haue a aprentys aboue
number iij li.

Be off Rychard glover ffor havynge a prentis aboue his number liij s. iiij d.

Be off nicholas Collyar ffor havynge ane aprentys aboue his number xxx s.

Itm payed for xx^{ty} staf torges when we attended on her magesty xviijs. iiij d.

Itm payed ffor xxvj els di of canvas at v s. the elle for xxvij els of holland
at ij s. viij d. the ele and xxvij eles of holland at ij s. viij d. the ele
amounteth all xiiij li. xvj s. vj d.

Itm for workmanshype of the same into iiij table clothes ij longe towels
& vj dossen of napkyns xxij s.

Itm ffor iiij pykes xiiij s. iiij d.

Itm ffor moccadowe nayels & frynge to arme the sayed pykes . ij s. ix d.

The above two items are included in the **Charges** ffor musterynge
of xvj soldyars.

So we fynde in redde money all thynges deducted xxxv li. iij s. iiij d.
the w^{ch} some of xxxv li. iij s. iiij d. was employed into tynne & the
tynne sold vnto mr thomas catcher & to walter hyll for xxxvij li. iij s. iiij d.
to be payed at St James daye next comynge.

Itm geven in charyty to the wyffe off guilbart mason in his being in
flaunders vj s. viij d. [Yeomanry Accounts, 1585-7.]

1585-6. **At** this Court [12th September] ther came a letter from
Sr Water Rawleyghe in the behalfe of Isaake Tucker who desireth to be a
brother of the Company marrynge M^{rs} scryvoner. It was agreed the
sayed Isaake Tucker shall pay to the Companye for his comynge to be a
brother amongst vs the some of xxli of lawfull money of England or
els not to be admytted any farther.

At this court [7th October] Morrys Pellitory was Jugged to paye
to the house a fyne for Arestyng Thomas Gaye to the court of conscience
contrary to the ordynance of the house the some of v s. the w^{ch} money he
promyseth to pay before Cristmas next.

¶ this court [15th December] ther was receved from Sr water Rawghley a second letter to be good vnto his sarvant Isaake Tucker the court vpon consideration of his lettar is contented to receve hime a brother paying x li reddy money or els not.

¶m payed for the charges in setting out of halfe a man for our partes & the Inholders the other half our charge came to . xxxjs. viij d.

1586-7. ¶ this court [20th January] Isaake Tucker at the earnyst sute of S^r water Rawghley was receved into the felloshipe and company of vs the pewterers and was sworne and mad fre and also at the yeld haule the same daye vpon the consideration therof he payed vnto the house x li. of good and lawfull money of England this is to be noted that the court dyd myttygat his fyne at the sute of S^r water Rawghly his master or els he had payed accordyng to the fyrst determynation of a court held the xth of december last xx li.

¶ this court [10th May] the controversye was hard betwyxt James Mathers and Lawrence wryght and the court fyndeth Lawrence wryght to owe vnto James xs. in money and comaundement was geven vnto James to restore to his Master the godderd mold a chapnet mold and a eare mold for the Godderd and xiiij li. lacke a quarter of Mettall and a payre of shettes so far forth as Lawrence wryght doth proue that he had a payre lent hime by his dawghter the next quarter daye L wryghtes dawghter confesseth that she lent hime a payre of shetes of her fathers.

¶ this court [14th June] it is determyned that all the makers of lattyn sponnes in London shalbe warned the next court day and that thay shalbe bound to make no more sponnes.

See the order of 23rd September, 1568, p. 259.

¶ this court [4th August] comaundement was geven vnto the spovnmakers accordyng to ane ordynance hertofore made that yf any spone maker doth make any short lattyn sponnes or of yallow mettall shall forfayt for every spone iijs. iiij d. as may appeare by the former order vpon w^{ch} comaundement the spounmakers promysed to be obedyent to the same or els to be fyned whervpon they haue set to ther handes.

¶ this court [25th September] beyng the court day it is ordered that wheras hertofore ther hath byne an order mad that he y^t should be

chosen M^r of the companye after that he hath servyd the mastershippe too tymes of his owen charges that then allwayes after when he should be chosen Master the house should Allowe the sayed Master fyve poundes towardes his charges. At this court that order is vtterly mad frustrat and now wth consent of the whole companye it is ordered that allwayes where any one haue sarvid the mastershippe too tymes of his owen charges that then in case the sayed Master w^{ch} hath sarved the mastershippe twyse of his owen charges alwayes after when he shalbe called to mastershippe agayne then the house shall beare allwayes the charges w^{ch} cometh to the masters part of y^e election dynner.

At a court held the xxiiijth of October 1587 Wheras frome the xxvth of september in Año 1573 as also frome the xvth of february in the same yere 1573 the chamber of London by ther ij severall bylles haue byne endebted vnto vs the some of lxxviiij^{ti} xv s. and vj d. of lawfull money of England for so much money lent them to be employed in corne to the vse of the comynalty of the cytty of london at this present the chamber doth call in our bylles and doth paye vnto vs in consideratyon of them both by the handes of Mr. Hewgh offeley of London Letherseller the some of xxxixth ti vijs. vj afermyng to vs y^t M^r wylford M^r chauntaylor and M^r squyer Crouner of London haue sertayne bylles of dyvers to sue in law men w^{ch} ar endebted to the chamber of London for part of the sayed money beyng payed to them by way of bargayne for corne who when the sayed M^r wylford and M^r squyer haue recovered we shall receue farther accordyng to the exportion of our debt wher vppon vnderneath is the copy of thos ij bylles dd by the comaundement of my Lord Maior at the R^e, 39 ti 7 s. 6 d.

The xvth day of february 1573.

I George Heton Chamberlayne of the cytty of London doe owe vnto the wardens of the pewterers of the same cyttye the some of fyfty syxe poundes fyve shyllynges dysbursed by them by the way of lone to the handes of me the sayed Chamberlyne accordyng to the order of the L. Mayor and the court to be bestowed vppon wheat and Rye for the vse of the Cyttye and comynalty of the same witnes thys byll subscribed by me thervnto set to the seale of my offyce of the chamber the day and yere aboue sayed By me George Heton Chamberlyne.

The lyke wordes was dyrected in a byll dated the xxvth of september 1573 for xxij li x s. and also payed to the chamber w^{ch} amounteth to the some of 78 li 15 s. 0 d.

Item we charge our selves w^t ij oblygations wherin John deane & John Shawe wth ther shuertyes stand bound vnto the company for l^v poundes w^{ch} mone m^r whit gauē to be lent vnto ij yonge men of our company 1 li.

Item we charge our selves wth thre bonndes wherin william Atmeyer John crose and nicolas cooke wth ther shuertyes stand bound to the company for xx li w^{ch} came from the successors of m^r lotton to be lent to yonge men of our company xx li.

¶ of John Clyffe for his admyttaunce to be one of our companye who changed his coppye from the drapers xx li.

¶ more profftyed by 22 C 2 q^{tes} of tynne at iiij s. a hundred proffyt the some of iiij l. xs.

Item payed vnto w^m bromley graunted hyme at a court off Assystaunce to make hyme a gowne to wayght one m^r sheryff this yere xl s.

¶ ther is in the Red chest xx s. in gold off the guyft off m^r John Clyffe to be employed vppon some necessary thyng apertaynyng to the house, he payed it when he was taken into the Lyvery.

Clyffe's name appears as one of the four auditors of this year's accounts, although he had only been admitted a liveryman of the Company a few months before.

1587-8. **¶** this court [8th March] steven Medcalfe sergant trumpeter the sone of Edward Medcalfe was sworne and mad fre [by his father's coppye] and he payed accordyng to order ijs. vj d.

¶ this court [11th July] mr Anthonye wysshame esquyere was sworne a brother of our companye & was mad freman of the citty of london.

¶ also mr thomas holford gentelman was sworne a brother of the company and mad freman.

¶ this court [21st September] it was graunted vnto mr thomas Allen to haue the cepynge & the benyfyt of the bowlynge Alley

Inconsyderation therof mr Allen was contented & pmysed in court to torne or cause to be turned at his charge the corne so often as ther shalbe [need].

The corn here mentioned was the store kept by the Company for public use, which required turning from time to time to keep it in good condition.

Also [14th October] James Mathers havynge byne ffound to haue mad Joyntes to his stone pottes of lea mettall he was Imprysoned ffor his falshood but also payed a fyne vnto the house iij s. iiij d.

At this court [1st November] it is ordered betwyxt mr wood and John bowyar that he shall worke vnto mr wood ij grose of sponnes aweeke at xvij d. the grose vntyll such tyme all his debt be wrought out and yf in case he fayleth then mr wood to be at his lyberty.

Also at this court [15th November] ther was brought ffrō my L. Maior a precept that all the lyvery in ther best lyveres shuld in ther standyng stand wth all other companyes to receue here maiestye who pretended & dyd come vnto pawles to here a sermon & to prase god for all hys mercyes & benyfyttes bestowed vpon her & the land.

This was the national thanksgiving service at St. Paul's for the great victory over the Spanish Armada.

Also it was agreed [12th December] that the money that was spent at the taverne the daye the quene came to pawles shuld be payed out of the house stocke & ther was spent iiij li iiij s.

Be off mr heugh offeley in part of payment of too bylles wherin the chamber of london stod debter vnto vs lxxv li viij s. iiij d. w^{ch} was lent for the provision of corne accordyng to my lord maior presept the some of xxxix li vij s. vj d.

Be off mr. Anthony wysham esquier mad by redemption ij s. vj d.

This is the first instance of the use of the term "redemption" to denote the admission of a new member otherwise than by patrimony or apprenticeship.

Be off dyvers off the yeomandry as by ther ptycular names entred at the end of this booke towards payment of fyfty poundes geven vnto mr John Catcher sheryff & alderman towards the repayryng of his howse ix li. xij s. iiij d.

